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ECKELS VIEWS.

Makes an Interest Statement Before the Committee on Banking and Currency

COMPLETE CURRENCY REVISION

A Russian Minister's Significant Visit to the German Emperor—Miss Sullivan Murdered—Ex-Congressman Dies—Charlie Mitchell Coming.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Comptroller Eckels had a conference with the house committee on banking currency today. He expressed the opinion that the only remedy for existing financial troubles is a complete revision of the banking system which would amount almost to a new system. He thought no mere gold for redemption purposes would be needed under a proper banking system than now. The only use for metallic money was for redemption purposes. The countries which had the best developed system of credit are England, the United States, France and Germany. The banks did not need such a large reserve, so much to protect their currency as to protect the deposits.

Russian Minister Visits Emperor William. Kiel, Feb. 1.—Count Muraviev, Russian minister of foreign affairs, arrived from Berlin this morning and immediately had an audience with Emperor William with whom he breakfasted.

LOVERS' QUARREL.

Frank J. Lauer Kills Miss Olive Sullivan.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—In a lover's quarrel last night Frank J. Lauer shot and killed Olive Sullivan, aged 16.

Lauer's Dead Body Found.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The body of Frank J. Lauer, who in a fit of jealousy, last night shot and dangerously wounded his 16-year-old sweetheart, Olive Sullivan, was found this morning with a bullet hole in the temple. The revolver with two exploded cartridges, lay at his side. He evidently suicided shortly after the attempt on his sweetheart's life.

Hon. David Phillips Dies. Potomac, Pa., Feb. 1.—Hon. David D. Phillips, a prominent Republican politician, died today of cancer of the stomach, aged 60. He was a member of congress from 1885 to 1888. He was a delegate to several Republican national conventions.

Charlie Mitchell Coming. Boston, Feb. 1.—A letter from London announces that Charlie Mitchell has completed arrangements to come to the United States within three weeks. He intends to challenge the winner of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, calling in that he will make a special effort to meet Peter Maher.

JOLLET MAN'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Mr. Porter's Son Makes a Rich Gold Strike in a Colorado Mine.

Cripple Creek, Col., Feb. 1.—When Mr. Porter of Joliet, Ill., paid a good round sum for the east half of the Gold King, about eighteen months ago, many predicted that he would not take out the money invested in the mine. Previous to the purchase of the claim it had been worked under lease and bond by Dennis Sullivan and others, and they, after taking out considerable ore, surrendered the property to the owners. Ever since Mr. Porter obtained possession of the property he has had a good sized force of men prospecting the ground, and a little ore has been taken out.

One month ago the son of the owner came out here from Joliet, to take up the work. He never saw a speck of ore, but after studying the situation, came to the conclusion that a little ore-cutting from the main shaft, which runs 600 feet, would not cost much money. At the 70-foot level, a few days ago, a 4-foot vein of quartz was entered. From assays have been obtained and the rest of the number went \$1300, and the last one \$200. At the 170-foot level another ore-vein entered a seam of ore 2 and inches thick, and the lowest assay on is struck at \$2100.

MR. PETER WALLACE DYING.

Theodore died at 11:45 P.M. Robert Wallace, a 61-year-old man, died at 11:45 P.M. at his home, 4100 Lake Ave.

NOT PACIFIED.

The Forces Weyler Reported Had Broken Up Cross the Trocha at Will.

RIVERA ENTERS HAVANA PROVINCE.

Destitution Among the Cuban Women and Children—Stirring Scenes Expected Near Havana—Spanish Trains Captured.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 1.—Captain General Weyler asserts that the insurgents in Havana and Pinar del Rio have been scattered, and those provinces pacified, but in direct contradiction of Weyler's assertion the Cubans continue to dynamite military trains, to burn towns and to cross and recross the trocha at will.

Later Friday afternoon, according to advices received here, the Spanish officials at Havana were startled by the news that a military train had been destroyed by dynamite in Pinar del Rio. An attempt was made to suppress the news, but it spread, and investigation showed that it was true. Friday morning, as a train carrying military supplies and 200 Spanish soldiers was crossing a bridge at Ocegerra, near Nangus, a dynamite explosion occurred, destroying the engine and the armored car and ditching the entire train.

The engineer, fireman and twenty-four soldiers were killed in the explosion and a surgeon, thirty-nine soldiers and the conductor and brakeman wounded, several of them mortally. As the uninjured soldiers crawled out of the debris the insurgents opened fire, killing several. The Spaniards then fled, and the insurgents looted the train of the valuable military supplies. They then fired the wreck and left. Spaniards sent reinforcements from Artemisa, and the dead and the wounded were taken to Havana Saturday. What adds to the significance of the affair is that this is the second train destroyed by insurgents in ten days, and yet Weyler claims Pinar del Rio is pacified.

In Havana province the insurgents answered to Weyler's claim of pacification with a raid Friday night, in which the towns of Cruz, Piedra, Buenavista and Nueva Paz were burned. The insurgents were commanded by Aranguen, who later captured the party of Spanish officers, and they made a clean sweep of the towns named, which are in the neighborhood of the city of Havana. In each of the towns there was a Spanish garrison, but the soldiers fled when the Cuban troops rode in. After firing the towns named, Aranguen made another attack on Guanabacoa, killing twelve of the Spanish sentries and firing a dozen houses. In the raid the Cubans are said to have killed and wounded forty Spaniards. The raid was made early Friday night and for hours the sky was illuminated by flames of the burning houses.

As for the trocha, Havana advices indicate that Cubans break through it at will. To illustrate, Mayra Rodriguez, who has been commanding the insurgents in Havana province since Aguirre's death, crossed the trocha with a strong force last Thursday night, and is now in Pinar del Rio. Rodriguez crossed to relieve Rulo Rivera, who has been appointed to command the Havana insurgents. As soon as Rodriguez arrived in Pinar del Rio, General Rivera, with 500 picked men, crossed the line near Mariel, and is now in charge of the insurgents in Havana province. Both Rodriguez and Rivera crossed the line at what are considered strong points, but they were not detected. It is thought in Havana that this change of leadership is preparatory to a most aggressive campaign by the Cubans.

The famished condition of the people in Pinar del Rio section, and especially at Artemisa, San Christobal and Pinar del Rio City, is well known. Hundreds of country people have flocked to these cities in obedience to the cruel orders of Colonels Hernandez, San Martin and Insulan, and there are not enough provisions to feed half of them. They camp out in the suburbs in bark huts, in a half-clothed condition. Their dilapidated condition speaks the starving condition they are in, and disease is making terrible inroads upon them. The children are hardly able to walk, and they crawl through the streets of the towns, begging piteously for a bit of food. The Spanish soldiers at times divide with the people, but their own supplies are none too great, and they can not do much.

TROCHA FOR'S CAPTURED.

Dynamite Gun Could Not Be Resisted—Town Burned.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 1.—A daring attack was made on the trocha west of Artemisa last week, in which the dynamite

gun in General Rivera's column played an important part. A strong force of insurgents under Col. Pedro Nodarz attacked Fort No. 10 and after two hours' fighting dislodged the garrison. After summoning the fort to surrender, which was defiantly refused, Col. Nodarz ordered the dynamite gun to open on it. The first shell flew wide, but the second and third made big gaps in the sides, killing several of the garrison. A furious infantry fire was maintained, and soon the garrison ran up the white flag. They were allowed to go free, first taking an oath not to fight again unless exchanged, though the Cuban leaders knew that the Spanish officers would not respect any such parole. Fifteen of the garrison were killed, while but one Cuban was hurt.

Proceeding on to the next fort, the garrison there went over to the forces of Nodarz at the first demand, and stated that they wished to fight for Cuba. They were sick at heart of the murderous work which they were obliged to do. There were 100 men and three officers, with a goodly supply of ammunition. Both forts were destroyed.

At Fort No. 7 a stout resistance was made, but two shots from the dynamite gun compelled them to surrender. The men in the garrison were allowed their freedom. This fort was burned also. In the three forts much valuable ammunition, guns, etc., were secured.

At Fort No. 6 a strong Spanish reinforcement had been received, and the Cubans moved off. This leaves the trocha open for any Cuban bands that may desire to pass through.

One of Sanguine's guerrilla bands entered a small town called Montrovia, and assembling the people told them to get ready to move to San Christobal at once. The town was then burned, the guerrillas preventing by force the efforts of the poor people to save their effects. Six men were shot in the melee. Sixteen of the women were taken prisoners, and turned over to the tender mercies of the men by Captain Morduro. Two of them killed themselves with daggers rather than suffer the fate that was in store for them.

After burning the place the guerrillas moved off, threatening the poor people thus left in a starving condition that if they did not move at once to San Christobal they would kill every one found there the next day.

San Christobal and Artemisa are now crowded with poor people compelled to live in the garrisoned towns by Weyler's orders. Food is costly and scarce. Many people have actually starved to death, and disease is making great ravages among them, there being over 1000 cases of illness now in Artemisa. The physicians are too few to attend to one-third of the sick.

DUBOIS AND THE TARIFF BILL.

Defeat of the Idaho Senator Improves the Measure's Chances of Passage.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Republican prospects for a working majority on the tariff at the coming special session have been bolstered materially by the defeat of Dubois. This is true without any reference to the possible attitude of Farmer Heitfeld, who succeeds to the Idaho seat. The silver combination is weakened. Dubois was the organizer. He is a born leader. Teller planned and Dubois executed for the silver men. The Republican senators have been hoping to receive assistance enough from Senators of silver states to pass the tariff bill. They realize that the absence of Dubois will make it much easier to obtain this help. Next to the defeat of Dubois the most encouraging news to the tariff framers comes from Washington. Mr. Turner, the choice of the silver fusionists there, is an ex-Republican. It is believed that he will vote for the new tariff.

Murderer Dies of His Wounds. Chicago, Feb. 1.—William Albert Cunningham, who murdered Mrs. Mary Lenning at her home Friday morning, and then turned his revolver upon himself, died Sunday morning at Mercy hospital. Two hours before his death Cunningham signed a sworn statement in which he confessed to the shooting, but gave no motive. Cunningham formerly lived in Cincinnati. At the time of the tragedy he tried to kill the two young daughters at Mrs. Denning, but they succeeded in getting away.

Stabbed to Death with a Penknife. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 1.—Joseph Collins, an Omaha mechanic, was stabbed and instantly killed Sunday morning by Charles Mallan, an ex-convict. The murder occurred in a saloon, and the weapon was a penknife. The murderer said: "Collins took one of my gloves, and when I told him so he reached for me and landed one on my jaw. It made me mad. I pulled out my knife and stabbed him twice."

I. J. Roseberry of Mansfield, slipped on the ice Friday and fractured his hip bone. As he is an elderly man he will probably be a cripple for life.

Ignatz Peters, a Polish Jew, was dangerously stabbed and robbed in a saloon fight at Peoria Wednesday night.

BANK DYNAMITED.

Explosion Demolishes Many Buildings but Did Not Damage the Safe.

LYMAN G. GAGE ON OUR CURRENCY.

Hon. Charles G. Dawes to be Comptroller of the Currency—A Trusted Clerk Found to be a Defaulter.

Holidaysburg, Pa., Feb. 1.—Early this morning a stock of dynamite was forced under the front door of the bank building lately occupied by Gardner, Morrow and Co., private bankers, and set off. The windows in every establishment on the square were shattered by the concussion. The bank door was burst open and the entire floor torn up, but the vault was not damaged.

Lyman J. Gage Interviewed.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The New York World this morning published an interview with Lyman J. Gage, the coming secretary of the treasury, on the defects of our present currency system. Mr. Gage confirmed an interview as giving his views, subject to modification. The points he made against the present currency system are these: First, confusing heterogeneity which needs simplification. Second, the greenback controversy this principal of paper money, viz: that every note injected into the commercial system should represent an existing commercial value. Third, the treasury note is a standing evidence of foolish operation, the creation of a debt for the purchase, on a falling market of commodity for which the purchaser has no use, and it lies open to the just charge of being both idiotic and immoral. Fourth, the national bank note more nearly conforms to the true principle of paper money, but the unreasonable requirements for security paralyze its efficiency and operate to destroy elasticity. Fifth, the silver certificate encumbers the use of silver to a larger extent than is consistent with the safe preservation of that metal on a parity with gold.

Gage added that he thought the greenbacks should be permanently retired and the silver purchased under the Sherman act should be gradually sold and the treasury notes redeemed, and cancelled. A well guarded system of bank note circulation redeemable in gold only, should be substituted.

DAWES WILL BE COMPTROLLER.

Says He Has Been Offered the Place and Has Accepted It—Wants Eckels to Serve Out His Term.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Charles G. Dawes said to the Associated Press this morning: "The report that I have been tendered and have accepted the appointment of comptroller of the currency is true. This seems to have given rise to the inference that I expected to succeed Eckels prior to the expiration of his commission in 1898. I can say for myself and I think I speak for all concerned, that I sincerely hope Eckels may see his way clear to retain his position until the expiration of his commission. His distinguished services as comptroller of the currency, rendered amid so many embarrassments and complications, have earned him the gratitude of the nation."

Dawes is the son of General R. B. Dawes of Marietta, Ohio, and is 31 years old. He graduated from a law school and acquired the profession of civil engineering and at 19 was chief engineer of a railroad. He became prominent as a lawyer and business man in Nebraska. In 1894 he published a book entitled "The Banking System of the United States and Its Relations to the Money and Business of the Country." He is a bank director and president of the gas companies of Akron, Ohio, LaCrosse, Wis., and Evanston, Ill. He was the leader in the McKinley movement in Illinois and was appointed by Hanna as a member from Illinois of the executive committee of the Republican National committee.

Another Account. Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 1.—The Times-Star Parkersburg, W. Va., special says: A defalcation of \$43,000 was discovered in the Second National bank in the accounts of Lee McFarlands, an old and trusted clerk in charge of the individual deposits. His bondsmen and relatives will make good the amount. He was speculating in grain and stocks.

Chicago Wheat Markets. Chicago, Feb. 1.—Wheat opened with a condition bordering on demoralization. There was great pressure to unload. There was a weak opening at Liverpool in face of our advance of Saturday which is responsible for the weakness here. May

opened at 73.1 to 4.1, against 5 1/2 and at the close Saturday declined to 72.4. Recovered to 73.1 on covering by shorts; dropped to 72.4 or break 72.4 cents since Saturday; then the market quieted; recovered to 73.1.

PREACH AGAINST PREACHER.

Rev. C. M. Moore Sued Rev. Fleming Gray for Camp Meeting Services.

There was a singular law suit in Justice Hardy's court this forenoon, in which two colored preachers were the principals. Last September a year ago Rev. Fleming Gray, the pioneer colored Baptist minister, conducted a camp meeting at Murdock and Atwood, using a tent. It was a work of religious zeal and devotion, and in the work of saving souls the minister also looked after the dimes, quarters and dollars. Evangelist Gray could not do all the preaching alone, and so he engaged Rev. G. M. Moore, another colored Baptist preacher to assist in the work. The agreement was that Moore was to receive \$1.50 a day for preaching. He was paid at that rate during the Murdock meeting but the receipts were so light at the Atwood engagement that the pay for Moore was cut to \$1 a day. The receipts were less than \$7 at that meeting and expenses exceeded that sum, consequently there was no cash to give to Moore. Nevertheless it was shown at the trial that Gray paid Moore \$1.50. Ever since the close of the Atwood meeting Moore has been trying in vain to get the five dollars he claimed was due him. At last Moore sued Gray for \$5 for labor. The hearing was had this forenoon, Attorney S. A. D. Gray appearing for the defendant, and Attorney W. B. Woodford for the plaintiff. Mr. Moore represented that the services performed was the hardest kind of labor, but owing to the conditional agreements entered into Justice Hardy concluded that Rev. Fleming Gray was under no binding obligations to Moore and he decided in favor of the defendant. The costs, amounting to about \$6, were charged up to the plaintiff.

BEN HUSTON ACQUITTED.

The Slayer of Kilsom at Latham Goes from Court a Free Man.

When the circuit court at Lincoln convened at 9 o'clock Saturday morning E. G. King for the state, in the murder case of the People vs Benjamin Huston, began the argument and, for an hour and three-quarters, Mr. King addressed the jury, carefully sketching the evidence and, as far as possible, anticipating the defense, and at the conclusion of his remarks E. D. Blinn presented the defense, occupying the remainder of the morning session and in the afternoon concluded at 2 o'clock, when T. T. Beach, also for the defense, took the floor, and in an address lasting for an hour and a quarter, covered the case completely, winding up in his familiar dramatic manner.

The state's attorney then closed in a two hour speech and after the court had presented the jury with his instructions they retired at 5:28 p. m., returning a verdict of "not guilty" at 12:30 a. m., Sunday.

Judge Herdman came from the hotel to receive the verdict at that time, the sheriff and the prisoner being also present. The court discharged the jury and the prisoner, and young Huston left the court house a free man.

The aged parents of the defendant were present during the trial and no doubt excited some sympathy. The court room was thronged throughout the day, much interest being exhibited.

The verdict seems satisfactory to those who heard the case throughout, but those who knew nothing of the facts seem disposed to criticize the result. The defense admitted the killing, but disputed the contention of the prosecution that it was intentional and the result of ill-feeling.

WILL NOT CLOSE.

Injurious Story About the Opera House Business—Good Plays Ahead.

In the Review of Sunday morning a romancing reporter published a story to the effect that owing to dull business at the Grand the opera house would be closed. There is no foundation whatever for such a declaration. Manager Given has not and does not contemplate such a move.

On the other hand all the plays booked for the season will be presented. Some of the finest attractions of the year will appear at the Grand during February and March and other amusements will be given.

Sales of Real Estate.

Anna Beatty to Rebecca Wright, lot 16 in block 5 of Carver's addition, \$2000. Sarah R. Bliss to Anna Hamsher, lot 7 in J. K. Warren & Co.'s Fifth addition, \$2400.

Julia A. Williams to Alburton G. Williams, lot 11 and 14 in block 2 of Julia A. Williams' addition, \$1200.

H. Hanks to C. M. Imboden and John G. Imboden, a lot at corner of Main and Jefferson street.

The Three Friends in Court.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The supreme court granted a writ of certiorari asked by the attorney general in the case of the steamer Three Friends and set the hearing for the third Monday in February.

BARGAINS IN BLANKETS AND CLOAKS

- 25 Ladies' Stylish Jackets plain Beaver and Kersey Cloth, sizes 34, 36, 38, 40. Not old style garments, just surplus stock. **1.50 Each**
- 50 Choice Cloth Jackets, all sizes, worth \$5.00 to \$7.50 each. Beaver, Irish Frieze and Boucle Cloth. **2.95 Each**
- 65 Choice Jackets and Capes. Not one worth less than \$10.00 and some were \$15.00. **At 5.00 Each**
- 25 Ready made Skirts, 4 yards wide. Fine All Wool Crepon. **For 3.95 Each**
- 20 Ready made Winter Suits, Navy Blue and Black Serge, Scotch Mixture and Crepon. Early price \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, choice for. **5.00 Fitted**
- One Lot Ladies Lambs Wool Sweaters, Stylish New Sleeves. Were \$3.50 and \$4.00. **For 1.95**



Bradley Bros.
Denton, Mo.

- One Lot Choice Styles French Flannel Shirt Waists. Were \$4.50, for. **2.50 Each**
- One Lot Black Coney Muffs. **48c Each**
- One Lot Stone Martin Fur Scarfs, Automatic Heads, were \$5.00, for. **2.95 Each**
- Blankets slightly soiled at Half Price.
- One Lot of White and Gray Blankets at. **50c Pair**
- One Lot \$3 Large Gray Wool Blankets at. **1.50 Pair**
- One Lot \$3 All Wool Blankets For. **1.99 Pair**
- One Lot of Plaid, All Wool Blankets for. **1.25 Pair**

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PRICES—25c, 50c, and 75c. PARQUET, \$1.50.

The sale of seats opens on Monday morning at the Opera House Drug Store.

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I am still at 1080 North Main Street, but am willing to move all my goods at the following low prices:

- 50 lbs. hand-picked Navy Beans, \$1.00
21 lbs. Granulated Sugar, 1.00
9 bars Lenox Soap, .25
11 bars Calumet Family Soap, .25
25 lbs. Cracked Hominy, .25
8 lbs. Bulk Starch, .25
5 gal. W. White Oil, .50
5 gal. good Oil, .45
Good Can Corn, .05
3 lb. can Pie Peaches, 10c; 3 cans, .25
3 lb. can Table Peaches, per can, .15c to 20c
3 lb. can California Table Peach, .20
3 lb. can Pumpkin or Squash, 10c; 3, .25
Potatoes per bu., .30
4 two-pound packages Rolled Oats, .25
10 lbs. Bulk Rolled Oats, .25
Penny Pickles, per doz., .10
Mediums, per doz., 8½c
Small, per doz., .05
Tip Top brand Tomatoes, 8c; 2 cans, .15
These prices are for Spot Cash Only.

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Commencing Friday morning, Jan. 23, we will sell all our new styles of Best Calicoes at 5c. All of our Indigo Blues in best makes at 3½c. All our ¾ and 4-4 Percales, extra wide and heavy, at 8c, worth 10 and 12½c. All 6½ and 7c Ginghams at 5c. Cotton Flannels, 4, 5, to 8 and 10c for the best. In Dress Goods we will sell for 25c goods worth 35c. For 35 and 40c goods worth 50 and 60c. Goods worth up to 75, 85 and 95c for 60 and 70c.

BLACK SILKS — Duchesse Failles, Aidas and Taffetas, best makes, reduced from \$1.25 and \$1.50 to 90c for this sale. Black Satins worth \$1.00 and \$1.25 at 78 and 90c.

Large lines of Gray Fleece Blankets at 49, 58, 69, 79, 98, \$1.19 and \$1.49—factory prices. This is a sale to reduce stock before invoicing. Don't miss these bargains.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,
151 EAST MAIN ST.

NOTES ABOUT FRUIT.

Persia and Anatolia provided the original quinces; the Greeks took to their culture, and they may be seen on the walls of Pompeii.

Solomon wished to be comforted with apples, and before and since his time the apple has been a mainstay of people. The Romans brought the apple from the east.

India grew the first lemons, which were unknown to the ancient Greeks and Romans. Lemons were introduced to Spain by the Moors near the Thirteenth century.

Pears were cultivated in most antique times in Asia and were brought from the east by the Romans. The first cherry tree in England was planted by Raleigh. Lucullus first brought cherries from Asia to Italy after his defeat of Mithridates.

The date palm is in Arabia the chief source of wealth and food. The Arab chief draws power, nerve and muscle from the consumption of his fruit. Pomegranates and olives also were anciently cultivated and are frequently mentioned in sacred writings.

Venerable antiquity hangs about the banana, and by some it is believed to be the fruit which tempted Eve, while others think that the great cluster of grapes brought by Jewish spies from the valley of Eschol, so heavy that two men were required to carry each, were in reality bananas. Chittagong, Philippine islands, Siam and Ceylon were the original homes of this fruit.

The venerable fig was one of the earliest fruits to be cultivated, and its praises are sung in poetry, history and romance, while the Bible frequently alludes to it. It was a principal food of the Greeks, and is now cultivated in all the countries around the Mediterranean, though our supply comes from Asia Minor, southern France and Spain.

Hindustan had a monopoly on oranges till this fruit spread to the other parts of the world. The crusaders brought back oranges, but the ancients around the Mediterranean were so unhappy as to die without having tasted this delicious fruit. We are all eating the descendants of one tree if what the Portuguese claim is true. They declare the progenitor of all American and European oranges was a single oriental tree transplanted to Lisbon and still living in the last generation.

CURIOSITIES OF NATURE.

The pike, says Bacon, is the only fish that has been known to live over 200 years.

Wells says that the annual dew fall of Great Britain is equal to 22,161,337,335 tons.

In the year 1858 Leigh Sotherby, in a letter to Dr. Gray, of the British museum, describes a talking canary bird. It is estimated by competent authorities that 620,000 tons of water tumble over Niagara every minute, night and day.

The famous dragon tree which formerly stood on the Canary islands was estimated by Humboldt to be 6,000 years old.

As late as the year 1545 the people of France entered complaints against caterpillars and had lawsuits to stop their devastations.

The anabas scandens, or climbing perch, is a Brazilian fish that will cross great stretches of dry land or climb any tree that comes in its way.

Dr. Seemann says that to touch the leaves or stem of the itch-wood tree "is like letting the hand come in contact with a red-hot poker." It grows in Fiji.

Sharks grow a new row of teeth for every year of their age until they reach maturity. The jaws of a full-grown specimen can be extended about 18 inches.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

FOREIGN GLEANINGS.

Sunday labor in the Rand gold fields in South Africa is permitted for the first time now by a recent vote of the Transvaal Volksraad.

"Fire ornament" as a term of abuse has proved deadly to a 16-year-old girl at Hackney, who drowned herself in the River Lea, because the boys hooted at her, applying that description to her.

Queen Victoria has been substituted for Sardanapalus in the new ballet that Sir Arthur Sullivan is composing for the London Alhambra. The ballet will be descriptive of the longest reign on record.

Baroness Hirsch has given \$400,000 to establish a pension fund for the employees of the oriental railways who were in the service up to 1890, when her late husband gave up his connection with the roads.

Oxford university has conferred the degree of doctor of music on Rajah Sir Sourindro Mohun Tagore, of Calcutta, in recognition of his talents as a musician and of his efforts to promote the cultivation of music in India.

Arton has managed to astonish Paris without making any Panama revelations. At his trial it came out and was admitted by him that he was maintaining 22 mistresses at one time as well as supporting his legitimate family.

VALUABLE GAMECOCK.

Recently Sold to the Earl of Ellesmere for a Thousand Dollars.

A man in England paid \$1,000 for a chicken a short time ago, although the fact is not a basis for speculation as to English poultry market prices. In point of fact the price was considered so outrageous even for a gamecock that the story of the sale when it first began to circulate found few believers. But it was a genuine sale. The money was paid and the chicken taken.

It was at the Birmingham poultry show a few weeks ago that this remarkable transaction took place. The gamecock in question, a fine black red, is said to be one of the most perfect of its kind in existence. It has a wonderful reach, is almost perfect in shape and size, while its fine tail is one of its best points. It has a fine ancestral record of prizes and triumphs and is a heavy winner itself. The owner of the bird was Mr. Hugo Vinrough, and the purchaser was Capt. L. Heaton, agent of the Earl of Ellesmere.



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Cycles in the French Army.

A member of the chamber of deputies, France, has drafted a bill for the creation of 25 companies of military cyclists, ten of which he proposes to attach to the cavalry and the remainder to the different army corps. Each company is to be 200 strong, and the cost of the new arm of the service he places at 1,400,000 francs. His idea is that cyclists should be used principally to support light cavalry.

Increase in National Wealth.

In 1870 the property of the United States was valued according to the census of that year at \$24,000,000,000 in gold. In 1890 that property had increased to \$65,000,000,000, a gain of \$41,000,000,000 in 20 years, or more than \$2,000,000,000 a year. In that 20 years the United States accumulated nearly twice as much as it did from the first settlement at Jamestown to 1870.

THE LAST THREE TERRITORIES.

A Proposition to Make One State Out of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

From 1876 to 1896 six territories of the United States were admitted to statehood—Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Dakota—the last as two states, North and South Dakota. Prior to that Colorado was admitted on August 1, 1876, and Nebraska on March 1, 1867. There are now remaining only three territories in the United States, exclusive of the District of Columbia, the Indian territory and Alaska, which makes no serious pretensions to statehood. These three territories are Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and when all three are admitted into the union, if they ever are, the United States will extend literally from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to Mexico.

Arizona covers an area of 113,000 square miles. New Mexico covers an area of 122,000 square miles, and Oklahoma, with No Man's Land, covers an area of 35,000 square miles—in all, 275,000 square miles, or 10,000 square miles more than the entire area of the Lone Star state of Texas. The present population of Arizona is about 70,000; of New Mexico, 175,000, and of Oklahoma, about 105,000, or 250,000 in all. The population of Texas is about 2,750,000, or more than ten times greater. The objections now interposed to the admission of either Arizona or New Mexico are equally strong in both political parties.

It is a fact that New Mexico and Arizona were originally one territory and included portions of the present states of Colorado and Nevada. Subsequently portions were cut off to make up the present states of Colorado and Nevada, and in 1863 the territory of Arizona was established, cut off from the remaining and larger part of New Mexico. The proposition is now made and is being seriously defended that preparatory to their admission into the union as states Arizona and New Mexico should be reunited and that Oklahoma should be joined with them and the three made into one state, with a land area of about the same size as Texas, but with a total population now only one-tenth as great. The new state would start under conditions which would give reasonable promise of a sufficient increase in the future to fulfill public requirements. The admission of the three into the union as one state would probably forestall much of the opposition to the admission of any of them separately and would eliminate at last the territories from the union.—N. Y. Sun.

The American Parlor.

Barrie, the novelist, took a dislike to the American parlor, and in the course of some remarks in Washington he said: "The idea of having the largest and best furnished room in the house reserved for infrequent callers, instead of allowing the children of the household to enjoy it, was never a pleasant one to me. It was once told by a bright boy that he seldom was allowed to enter the parlor of his home unless it was during a funeral ceremony or something like that." This may have described the situation too strongly, but it was much nearer to the truth than otherwise.—Washington Post.

Chicora, Pa., "Herald." Richard Vessel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vessel said it assisted his children through a very bad stage of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectoration very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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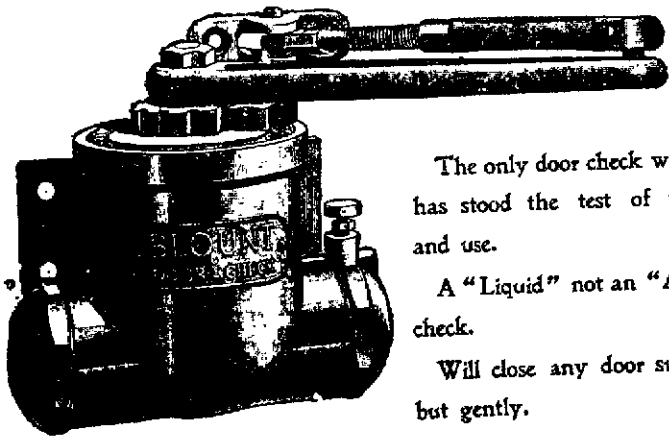
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LOCAL NEWS.

Regular meeting of the city council to-
night.

Irwin's fragrant toilet cream keeps the
skin soft and smooth.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made
by John Wolfgang. Mob 25-dtf.

The Grand Opera House cigars made
by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.
mob 25-dtf

Captain Riebsame will manage the
Schlitz brewery plant at Peoria.

Irwin's satisfaction tooth powder whit-
ens and preserves the teeth.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy
served at noon daily at Singleton's restau-
rant.—Oct21dt

Ladies' felt slippers, 50c at Folzath &
Hardy's.—26-dtf

The Princes of the Orient will meet
Wednesday night. There will be new
work for the big killin'.

Little Diana cigar: business men's
ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50.
L. Chodas's News House.—14-dtf

Ladies' felt slippers, 30c at Folzath &
Hardy's.—26-dtf

Irwin's Rook Balm gives immediate
relief for coughs and colds.

Tomorrow will be ground hog day.
His swinehip is expected every year to
control the state of the weather for a pe-
riod of six weeks.

M. S. Burt of Elwin, was paid \$12.50
in one order for killing 640 English spar-
rows. Cash Holcomb of Oakley, got an
order for \$17.25.

A new photograph gallery will open
February 1 in room 518 Millikin build-
ing, and will make photographs for 50
cents per dozen to get work introduced.
Take elevator.—26-dtf

Regular meeting of Olive Branch Camp
No. 218, R. N. of A., Monday evening,
Feb. 1, at 7:30. All members requested
to be present. Business of importance
on hand. Mattie Dienstbier, orator, Mary
M. Siegler, recorder.

Gentlemen's soiled and faded over-
coats or suit of clothes dyed, cleaned,
pressed and repaired. Take your
clothes to first-class dyers and
cleaners—to Miller's Steam Dye
House, 145 North Main street.

Mr. Hal Reid's idyl "Human Hearts,"
under the management of the Hon. H. C.
Miner, has had a most successful season
enough. This magnificent production will
be the attraction at the opera house Wed-
nesday, Feb. 3.

Mr. H. C. Miner's magnificent produc-
tion of Hal Reid's beautiful play, "Hu-
man Hearts," with the original cast, scen-
ery, properties, etc., direct from Mr. Mi-
ner's Fifth Avenue theatre, New York,
will be the attraction at the opera house
Wednesday, Feb. 3.

No better soft coal in this market than
Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hard-
est of any coal within 100 miles of Deca-
tur and the harder the coal the longer it
will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in
stock at market price. Up town office,
Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800
North Broadway, old phone 433, new
phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dtf

Officer Leech will get his \$300 reward
money for the capture of Norman Mc-
Pherson, the Morning Sun, Iowa, mur-
derer. There are certain papers to be
signed up and passed upon before the or-
der can be given for the money. Mr.
Leech is not worrying about the Iowa
cash. He will get it in time.

SOLD OUT.

N. M. Letts Will Go to Mason City, Iowa, to
Engage in Business.

Saturday evening there was a change in
the wholesale grocery and fruit house of
Riddell & Letts. N. M. Letts sold his in-
terest in the business to his partner, D.
F. Riddell, who is now in sole charge.
There is no change with the exception of
the addition of Harry Houser, of Lincoln,
who will assist as a general salesman.
Mr. Letts takes a position better than he
has had here as one of the proprietors of
the commission house. He will become a
stockholder, director and manager of the
Letts, Spencer & Smith Co. of Mason
City, Iowa. This is a new firm. It is
formed by the consolidation of the firms
of Letts, Spencer, Huffman & Co. and the
Mason City Grocery company. The prin-
cipal stockholders in the new company are
F. C. Letts, B. L. Spencer, and A. P.
Spencer. This company does an exten-
sive business in Iowa, operating not only
in Mason City, but in a string of towns.
The houses owned by this company are as
follows: Letts, Spencer, Smith & Co.,
Mason City; Letts, Fletcher & Co., Mar-
shalltown; Marshalltown Grocery Co.,
Marshalltown; Letts, Fletcher & Co.,
Carroll; H. S. Spencer & Co., Oskaloosa;
Tollerton, Stetson & Co., Sioux City.
Mr. Letts has two brothers, F. C. and
J. C. Letts, both interested in the busi-
ness.

The Riddell & Letts business was en-
tirely satisfactory and in a prosperous con-
dition, but Mr. Letts prefers to return to
Iowa. He grew up in business with the
men with whom he will be associated.
During his sojourn of three years in De-
catour Mr. Letts and his family have made
many business and social friends who will
regret their departure.

"Human Hearts" Coming.

One of the season's most successful dra-
matic achievements is Hal Reid's beauti-
ful play "Human Hearts," that will be
the attraction at the Grand Wednesday,
Feb. 3. The play is most sumptuously
mounted and the company includes such
well known artists as Hal Reid, the au-
thor, Miss Bertha Belle Westbrook, an
actress of unquestionable ability, and one
of the handsomest ladies on the stage,
Walter G. Horton. Edward O. Risley,
Wm. H. Smedley, Charles Forrester, Ger-
ard Anderson, Herbert Prior, Effie Pearl,
Nelle Maskell, Hope Forrester, Little El-
lie and Edwin Smedley. The company is
direct from Mr. Miner's theatre, New
York, where it enjoyed a long and pros-
perous engagement.

Train Changes on the Central

The new time card on the Illinois Cen-
tral went into effect at 7 o'clock Sunday
morning. The most important changes
are in the time of trains, No. 104 and 123.
No. 104, northbound, leaves Decatur at
11:25 a. m., instead of 9:38 a. m., and
train No. 123, which has been leaving at
5:08 p. m., for the south, leaves at 3:32
p. m. These two trains now run daily,
whereas they have been running daily
except Sunday. The trains run through.
Trains 125 and 126, which have been run-
ning through, are now discontinued south
of Pana. Changes have also been made
on other divisions of the road, but the
above are the only changes that effect
Decatur.

A Suggestion.

Eds. Republican: In regard to the re-
moval of the public library, would it not
be well to bear in mind that it belongs to
the tax payers of Decatur and that they
naturally have a right to say whether it
shall be moved or not notwithstanding
any views the board may have upon the
subject. If a change is seriously con-
templated, invite the owners to express their
views by voting upon the question. So
important a question should only be de-
cided by them and this should always be
the American plan. S. J. B.

A Big Deal.

Saturday Dr. James W. Sanders sold to
W. H. Bell, the druggist, two lots on
North West street at \$550 each, two lots
on North Main street at \$600 each and
several lots on West Decatur street at \$500
to \$900 each. Dr. Sanders takes a 210-
acre farm of Mr. Bell. Considerable
money changes hands in the deal. The
trade was brought about by Mr. Seth Col-
lins and Attorney Frank Ewing.

Death of a Child.

Harriett Moore, aged 17 months, died
of stomach trouble at midnight, Feb. 1,
at 925 West Decatur street. The child
was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F.
Moore and was sick but a few hours.
The funeral will take place from the resi-
dence at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, Feb. 2.
Burial in Greenwood.

Kept Open Too Late.

The Bill Whittington saloon was found
open after 12 o'clock Saturday night and
as a result Captain Mutherbaugh and
Officer Cross placed Whittington under
arrest. The defendant will have his trial
this afternoon.

The "reform" party are threatening to
take a hand in municipal politics in Pe-
oria this spring.

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you get a sack of the best quick.

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WORK AT THE RIVER

The Ice Cutting on the Sangamon
is Being Rushed.

HUNDREDS OF MEN EMPLOYED.

A Few More Days of Cold Weather
and the Supply Will be Har-
vested—The Skaters Had
Good Sport Yesterday.

The work of cutting ice on the river is
being rushed with all possible speed by
the ice dealers and hundreds of men are
receiving employment. The cold snap
has been a good thing for the community
from the fact that a large amount of
money has been kept in the city which
would otherwise have gone somewhere
else. If there had been no ice here thou-
sands of dollars would have gone to other
cities to purchase the supply. As it is
several hundred men, many of whom
were poor and in need of work, have re-
ceived employment for the past seven
days, at from \$1 to \$1.50 per day.

There has been just one week of ice
cutting and if the cold weather continues
for a few days more the dealers will have
a supply sufficient to carry them through
the summer. The ice is of a good quality
and there is plenty of it there if the cold
weather will continue long enough for it
to be harvested. Sunday there were hun-
dreds of people at the river watching the
work. D. A. Maffit has a force of about
150 men and thirty teams at work west of
his place. He has finished cutting on the
sloughs and began on the river yesterday.
The ice was loaded into wagons and hauled
to the ice house on South Broadway.
He yet has two large houses at the river
which are to be filled. The ice on the
river was marked off yesterday and this
morning the work of plowing it and put-
ting it in the houses began.

The ice cutting is quite interesting to
witness. The snow is first scraped from
the ice. A line is then stretched across
the river and is followed by a hand mark-
er. This acts as a guide for the big
marker which is pulled by a horse. After
the ice has been marked in one direction
it is then marked at right angles which
gives the river the appearance of a big
checker board. The plow is run in the
grooves made by the marker and cuts the
ice almost to the bottom. A man with a
big hand saw then cuts off eight cakes at
a time and these the men push with big
pikes to a channel which has been cut
into the bed of the ice. Here another man
breaks the ice into single cakes, each of
which are pushed up the channel of water
till they reach the bottom of the incline
plane, where they are hooked onto the
end of a rope and pulled into the house.
The incline is so arranged that the ice can
be put into the first, second or third story
of the house and are there switched to any
part of the room. The ice is hauled up
the incline by horse power but tomorrow
Mr. Maffit expects to have an engine run-
ning to do the work.

Mr. Maffit has a device which he calls
his palace car. It is a little house on
wheels and is hauled to any part of the
river wherever the work may be going on.
It is heated with a stove and has win-
dows on all sides. It is also used as a
tool house. Today the car was placed on
the river banks in full view of the ice
houses and the river. When the tempera-
ture is in the neighborhood of zero and it
is not pleasant standing in the snow for
hours at a time the proprietor can go into
his car, watch the work on the outside
and yet be comfortable.

Mr. Maffit is not at work at night at
present but if there was any evidences of
a thaw before the ice is housed a night
force would probably be put on. The ice
now being cut from the river is about
eight inches thick. Below the Maffit
bridge the river is in good condition for
ice cutting but above the bridge it is only
frozen in places. The river is blocked
under the bridge and it is only a question
of a few days more cold weather until the
river will be entirely frozen over.

Butzbach & Son have had their men at
work near the county bridge. Yesterday
they hauled ice to the Kraft ice house on
East Eldorado street. They will also fill
the ice house of the Jordan poultry house.
It is a long distance from the river to that
part of the city but every available team
has been secured.

The water on the sloughs where ice has
been cut has frozen over enough to make
good skating. Yesterday there were sev-
eral hundred people taking advantage of
the skating. The street cars on the Riv-
erside branch were loaded all day and had
all the business they could handle.

Seeds! Seeds! Seeds!

Garden, flower and field seeds in bulk.
Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman, fif-
teen years' experience with George S.
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finest shoes for ladies to be found in De-
catour. See them in our window. Fol-
zath & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot St-
tern. Sign at the old cobbler.—26-dtf

WILL HAVE A PASTOR.

Rev. Marion Stevens will probably be
called by the Edward Street Christian
Church—Other Church News.

Rev. Marion Stevens, formerly pastor
of a church at Canton, Ill., preached Sun-
day at the Edward street Christian
church. His sermon pleased the congre-
gation and as the minister is well liked
by the people it is probable that he will be
called to act as pastor. A meeting of the
pulpit committee will be held some time
this week and it is said to be likely that
Mr. Stevens will then be called.

Some interesting figures are given in
regard to the Baptist Sunday school. The
average attendance for the past year has
been as follows: Officers, 12; scholars in
the main school, 138; teachers, 34; infant
class, 40; bible class, 9; visitors, 5, total,
243. The average Sunday collection has
been \$3.48. The total receipts for the
year have been \$291.42, and the total ex-
penditures, \$250.04, leaving a balance in
the treasury of \$41.38. There has been
a constant increase in the attendance dur-
ing the year. The Sunday school orches-
tra has been an important addition and
has attracted much attention.

Sunday evening Rev. MacGregor pas-
tor of the Baptist church, preached a ser-
mon of the third times. He approved of
the action taken by the president-elect.

The revival meeting at the First Pres-
byterian church closed last evening. The
services have been quite successful as
thirty-five additions to the church have
been made. Rev. Penhallegon left this
morning for Chicago to visit Mr. G. Wells
who is at a hospital in that city.

The orchestra of the Baptist Sunday
school will go to Oranva next Saturday
evening. Members of the Sunday school
who wish to go with the orchestra are re-
quested to send their names to Superin-
tendent Carter. The party will leave the
church at 5 p. m.

This evening the members of the Bap-
tist Endeavor society will celebrate En-
deavor Day. A special program has been
prepared and the members of the inter-
mediate and senior societies will take
part. The latter will appoint a commit-
tee tonight to nominate officers.

The members of the missionary society
of the First Presbyterian church will hold
a meeting Friday afternoon at the church
parlors.

Revival meetings will be held at the
Congregational church on Wednesday and
Friday evenings of this week.

Wednesday evening Dr. Rogers will
make an address before the members of
the Presbyterian Endeavor society at their
Endeavor day celebrations.

Rev. Spayd, pastor of the U. B. church
is still in Pennsylvania on account of the
illness of his mother. Sunday morning
Dol Kinney conducted services in his place
and in the evening N. W. Woodford of the
Y. M. C. A., occupied the pulpit.

The attendance at the Westminster
chapel Sunday school was so large Sun-
day that it was decided to order more
chairs. The space is becoming limited
and no doubt in the near future the chapel
will have to be enlarged. All of the teach-
ers and officials are as faithful in the at-
tendance as the pupils. One class was so
large yesterday that it had to be divided,
and an extra teacher put on duty. Next
Sunday will be honor day at the school,
when there will be special exercises.
There are twenty-four members of the
school who have been present every Sun-
day during the year 1896, and each has
also contributed to the school fund. Each
of these faithful pupils will receive a large
certificate of honor next Sunday.

Thirty-Four New Members.
For the past three and a half weeks the
Presbyterian church with Dr. Penhallegon
in the lead, has been holding special
services. They called to their aid Mr. L.
F. Zinner of El Paso, Ill., who had charge
of the music and the pastor preached ev-
ery night.

The attendance has been good and a
quiet, steady interest manifested from the
first, some of the older members of the
church say that it has been the most pro-
fitable series of meetings held in the
church in years. Thirty-four new mem-
bers were admitted to the church Sunday
and others will follow. Among those
who joined yesterday were several promi-
nent business men of the city. Dr. Pen-
hallegon went to Chicago this morning
for a few days' rest and to visit Mr. G.
Wells, one of the elders of the church,
who is sick in a hospital there.

Bill Hardy was ugly.
Bill Hardy, a resident of Dalton City,
was in the city prison because while drunk
he attempted to wipe the whole front out
of Mike Lugan's saloon. Officer Cross
made the arrest.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Rain or snow to-
night; Tuesday, slight changes of temper-
ature; increasing northeast winds.

Proposed School Book Legislation.

Chicago Times-Herald The various
educational and school text book bills al-
ready introduced at Springfield give ex-
pression to the general acknowledgment
of imperfections in our public school ad-
ministration that are not beyond the reach
of remedial legislation.

The question of free text books is one
upon which the educators are not agreed.
As an abstract educational question, re-
garded from the standpoint of the highest
and best citizenship, it would seem to be
eminently proper that the state should
remove every obstacle in the way of free
and popular education for every child in
the state. But the question is complica-
ted with the vast publishing interests of
the country, with possibilities of cheap
and trashy text books, such as were fur-
nished in states where the free system was
adopted and with considerations of pub-
lic revenue. The plan of furnishing free
text books to those whose parents are too
poor to buy them has been adopted in
many cities, but its operation has led to
many embarrassments, which have made
it far from satisfactory to the people.

The question of free text books legisla-
tion is one that should be proceeded with
cautiously. Its merits should be consid-
ered independently of the demands and
desires of school book publishers, and yet
it may be safely set down as a fact admit-
ting of little controversy that the people
of this state are opposed to any plan that
will cheapen the character and lower the
academic tone of the text books to be
used in the public schools of Illinois.

A school book measure that merits es-
pecial consideration is the bill which pro-
vides for a board of school book commis-
sioners, consisting of the state superin-
tendent of public instruction, the presi-
dent of the Normal University at Nor-
mal, and the regents of the state normals
at Charleston, Carbondale and DeKalb.
The commission is to have charge of the
selection of school text books for the state.
Whether the books are to be supplied by
the state or not the commission can sup-
ply what has been an urgent need in this
state for years—thorough and complete
uniformity—in text books in every coun-
ty. If the legislature should create a
state board of education, however, as pro-
vided for in another bill that is before the
assembly, this supervision of text books
should be a part of the duties of that
body.

The state can suffer irreparable harm
from loose and ill considered legislation
on questions affecting the interests of
public education. The legislation already
proposed should have the careful scrutiny
of the best educators in the state before it
is given any consideration whatever.

The foreign affairs committee after a
four hours' session Saturday decided to
report the general arbitration treaty back
with amendments. What will be the
final outcome of the agreement cannot at
this time be conjectured, but it is safe to
say that the amendments adopted by the
committee will not serve to enhance the
chances for ratification and acceptance.
It is to be hoped the innocent and useless
thing may be left to die with the present
administration and that the incoming ad-
ministration may withdraw it and if
deemed necessary arrange one along dif-
ferent lines. But the facts are the great
nations of earth should unite in an inter-
national treaty to settle all differences by
arbitration and thus prevent the possibi-
lity of future wars but that England and
the United States should enter into such
a treaty when there is not the remotest
probability of a war resulting between the
two nations on any question that may
arise, is simply wasting time and a whole
lot of good sense.

Comptroller Eekels does not believe it
fair to attribute existing business trou-
bles to the lack of monetary legislation.
He is correct in this assumption. If the
Democratic party had not started in to rip
up the tariff there would have been no
business troubles and no deficiencies in
the treasury and no increase in the public
debt.

The Chicago Tribune tells a great big
truth when it says that "It is safe to as-
sert that England will never favor any
perpetual peace treaty that is not liberally
supplied with loopholes" and for that very
good reason the United States has nothing
to gain by entering into any such compact
with Great Britain.

John J. Ingalls as a senator from Kan-
sas had a national reputation as a suc-
cessful and a scholar which Paifer who suc-
ceeded him had a national reputation as a
senator with a luxurious pair of whiskers,
and yet there are those who want to know
what is the matter with Kansas.

When a Republican president comes to
Illinois for a secretary of the treasury
after the people have carried the delegates
for him as against the best schemes of the
so-called practical politicians it shows that
the people can do more for the state than
"the organization."

Secretary Carlisle, it is said, will return
to Covington when he retires from office
and take up his law practice. He evi-
dently is among those who do not believe
that stale eggs strike twice in the same
place.

Senator Dubois should follow in the
footsteps of William J. Bryan and write a
book. To harmonize with Bryan's "First
Battle" Dubois might select as a title for
his book "Fell Outside the Breastworks."

Illinois is likely to get the comptroller
of the currency and commissioner of pen-
sions and few other important positions
in addition to the secretary of treasury.

The election of W. E. Mason to the
United States senate has broken a great
many states, but they were states in which
the people had no interest.

Dubois as a defeated candidate to suc-
ceed himself in the United States senate
is not in first class shape to be taken care
of by a Republican administration.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

The Anglo-American Treaty Considered
and Postponed—House Refuses to
Consider Scalpers' Bill.

Washington, Feb. 1.—In the senate this
morning the bill providing the time and
places for holding court in the state of
Utah was passed.

Within five minutes of the opening of
the session, on motion of Sherman the
senate went into executive session. It
was generally understood for the purpose
of presenting a favorable report from the
foreign relations committee on the Anglo-
American arbitration treaty.

As soon as the senate went into execu-
tive session the treaty between the United
States and Great Britain was reported by
the committee on foreign affairs with
amendments. A discussion followed as
to when it should be considered and a dis-
position was shown to have it go over till
it was printed. The senate also took up
the Japanese treaty in reference to trade
marks, etc., and ratified it.

This was committee suspension day in
the house and immediately after reading
the journal the committees were called.

Sherman, (Rep. N. Y.) from the com-
mittee on interstate commerce called up
the anti-scalper railroad ticket bill. Sev-
eral members desired to have a time fixed
for consideration. Finally the question
was raised against the present considera-
tion and the house refused to consider it,
91 to 83.

The bills were passed to prevent carry-
ing obscene literature and articles design-
ed for indecent or immoral use from one
state or territory into another, and au-
thorizing the construction of bridges
across various rivers.

The senate concluded not to make pub-
lic at present the amendments made by
the committee on foreign relations, though
several senators desired that the amend-
ments as well as the treaty should be
made public and announced their inten-
tion of giving as much publicity to the
treaty as possible.

Wilson Secretary of Agriculture.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 1.—The Jour-
nal's Des Moines, Iowa, special says:
James Wilson has been offered and has ac-
cepted the position of secretary of agricul-
ture.

Another Report.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The Daily News
Washington special says: Senator Allison
of Iowa, has received a telegram from
Hon. James Wilson, saying that he has
accepted the secretaryship of agriculture
in McKinley cabinet.

May be Attorney General.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Senator Wel-
lington of Maryland, came from Canton
this morning. He said he had been there
in the interests of Geary of his state, for
the attorney generalship. He believes
his chances are very good.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That

contain Mercury.
as mercury will surely destroy the sense
of smell and completely derange the
whole system when entering it through
the mucous surfaces. Such articles
should never be used except on prescrip-
tions from reputable physicians, as the
damage they will do is ten fold to the
good you can possibly derive from them.
Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains
no mercury, and is taken internally, act-
ing directly upon the blood and mucous
surfaces of the system. In buying
Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the
genuine. It is taken internally and
made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney
& Co. Testimonial free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c per
bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Eagle Packet company will put on
a new steamer on their line from St. Louis
to Porto as soon as navigation opens.

Dr. Daly of Arlington, fell while
climbing a fence Saturday and broke his
thigh, a serious matter for an elderly man.

It is probable that the Clinton telephone
system will be connected with the eastern
part of DeWitt county and with Macon
county.

The Woman's club of Lincoln are wag-
ing war upon sellers of cigarettes in that
city. They claim that a number of school
girls under 16 have contracted the cigar-
ette habit, and they propose to make it
warm for the dealers who sold to them.

GARDENS OF THE SEA.

Description of a Wonderful Country Un-
der the Water.

There is a wonderful country under
the sea, a country of hills and plains, of
lofty mountains and deep valleys, of
reeks and caves. Its widespread
meadows are covered with strange an-
imal flowers that move themselves
about in search of living prey, and its
forests consist of branching corals and
sea weeds taller than the loftiest trees.
Tempests may rage fiercely overhead,
but a deep, unbroken silence reigns al-
ways in this underworld, nor can the
wildest hurricane that drives vessels to
wreckage move the most delicate ten-
dril of the sea plants in the depths be-
low. Fragile creatures that fall to
pieces almost at a touch spend their
lives here in quiet and security. The
ocean depths, which for mankind are
regions of breathlessness and death,
are for billions of animals the region of
life and health; the earth does not
maintain nearly so many living crea-
tures as those that swarm in countless
myriads beneath the waves of the
ocean. Here are great purple sea fans
and lovely sea lilies and sea ferns and
sea cucumbers and sea mice, and
sponges displaying bright colors that
are lost the moment they are taken
from the water; and here the rare and
beautiful corals are silently builded
into reefs and islands.

If it ever be your good fortune to go
to Florida and visit the Keys at the
southern end of the state you may see
a coral plantation, alive and growing.
There is a famous lighthouse called
Cary's Fortlight off the coast there,
from which such a sight can be had.
Cary's Fortlight is built in the open
sea, without a foot of land about it.
It is an iron framework of columns,
strengthened by a network of braces
and girders, and the rooms in which
lives the keeper are about half way
up to the light, out of reach of the
waves, 40 or 50 feet above the water.

A balcony runs about these rooms,
and, as the lighthouse is built over one
of the most beautiful and extensive
fields of coral known on this or any
other coast, the sight presented on look-
ing from this balcony into the ocean
is more wonderful than can be well
imagined by one who has not seen it.

The coral field spreads out around the
lighthouse as far as the eye can reach,
and so transparent is the water that
the ocean bottom can be seen as plainly
as a garden lying beneath. The coral
field is largely made up of what are
called leaf corals, with large flat
branches that grow one above another,
chasing each other singly and in com-
panies, darting about, winding in and
out the corals as if in a game of hide-
and-go-seek, and hundreds of fish play
among their spreading branches.

Most of them are of very brilliant
colors, some of a bright hue, others
partly blue and partly black, others
again black blended with yellow, and
still others of a bright canary-yellow
beneath and rich purple above. Now
and then some large fish, a shark, per-
haps, passes by, and all the small fish
scatter, hiding among the corals, and
are seen no more till their enemy is out
of sight.

Besides the leaf coral, there are many
others even more beautiful to be seen.
Some are in the shape of huge vases,
some are like great globes, others
branch out as do the horns of the stag,
and there are more delicate branching
kinds, called finger corals, and great
numbers of sea fans. The sea fans form
the shrubbery of the sea garden; they
stand on the ocean bottom on a sort of
root, and, unlike the leaf and branch-
ing corals, which are rigid and motion-
less, they rise lightly in the water and
wave in the gentle undercurrents
as if stirred by the wind. They are of
many colors, and, mingled as they are
with a kind of vegetable coral called
coralline, and with the bright red, pur-
ple or orange-colored sponges of the
Florida coast, you may well realize, on
looking at them, how surpassingly
beautiful are the flower gardens of the
sea.—Justin Le Roche, in Popular Science
News.

LOST HER ROYAL DIGNITY.

Mother of the Emperor of China Dies in
a Fit of Rage.

Many causes have been mentioned as
responsible for the death of the mother
of the emperor of China. It is now re-
ported that she succumbed to a fit of
angry rage.

The North China Herald says that the
old lady became furious with rage at
the behavior toward her on the part of
her sister, the widow of the late em-
peror. The two ladies had some trouble
before, because the latter had taken the
liberty to reproach the mother of the
emperor for staying too long in the im-
perial gardens.

The difficulty became still more pro-
nounced when the widow of the late
emperor deprived the emperor's mother
of the costly litter which she was in the
habit of using on her excursions to the
imperial gardens.

The emperor's mother was thereby
compelled to return from the imperial
gardens outside of the city to the palace
in an ordinary hired conveyance. This
indignity was too much for the worthy
mother of the emperor. She became
highly excited, then delirious, and in
her fit of anger succumbed to a fit of
apoplexy, which proved fatal. Another
version has it that she committed sui-
cide for shame at the indignities heaped
upon her.

Whatever may have been the real
cause of her death, the young emperor
of the "Kingdom of Heaven" was so em-
bittered that for several days he walked
his rooms like a lion in his cage, so that
the mandarins were afraid to approach
their imperial lord and master.—Chi-
cago Tribune.

Just It.

Mistress—I don't see why you should
leave me, Bridget; I have helped you all
I could. In fact, I have done most of
the work.

Bridget—That's just it, mum, I have
that pride I can't stoop wid a lady that
does work herself.—N. Y. Tribune.

Another Week

Continuation
of that
GREAT
BASEMENT
SALE....

THE ENORMOUS SALES of last week
convinces us that many persons are
looking for just such bargain opportuni-
ties as we are presenting. We promise
for this week attractions

Bigger, Brighter,
Better Than Ever.

We have not invoiced these goods and
don't intend to. We are going to sell
them and make prices to accomplish
this result. Don't miss this Prime Bar-
gain Event of the season.

On Monday morning we placed on
sale on the first and second floors \$25,-
000 worth of advance Spring and Sum-
mer Goods.

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THE BIG STORE WATER, MAIN &
STATE STREETS.

We Sell and Deliver
BOTTLED BEER
To Private Families.



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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 1, 1897.
The REPUBLICAN is indebted to R. Z. Taylor,
dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with cor-
respondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis
and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
February.....	74 1/2	74 3/4	73 3/4	74 1/4
May.....	70 1/2	71 1/4	70 1/4	71 1/4
July.....				
Corn—				
February.....	24	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/4
May.....	25	25 1/4	25	25 1/4
July.....				
Oats—				
February.....	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 1/4	17 1/2
May.....				
July.....				
Pork—				
February.....	7 7/8	7 7/8	7 7/8	7 7/8
May.....				
July.....				
Lard—				
February.....	3 07	3 07 1/2	3 02 1/2	3 05 1/2
May.....				
July.....				
Ribs—				
February.....	3 07 1/2	3 07 1/2	3 02 1/2	3 05
May.....				
July.....				

May wheat: puts, 75 1/2c; calls, 75 1/2c; sub-
74 1/2c.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CASH COTTS.

Wheat—80. Estimated, 45. Year ago, 144.

Corn—484. Estimated, 530; a year ago, 435.

Oats—272. Estimated, 290; a year ago, 222.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 47; Corn, 730; oats, 445.

Hog receipts 42,000; estimated, 40,000. Mar-
ket strong.

Light, \$3.30@3.55; Mixed \$3.30@3.52.

Heavy \$3.30@3.50; Rough \$3.30@3.50.

Estimated for to-morrow, 28,000.

Cattle receipts, 15,000; market easy.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

St. Louis, Feb. 1.—Wheat, cash, 81 1/4c; May,
81 1/4c; Corn, cash 19 1/4c; May, 21 1/4c; Oats, cash,
18 1/4c; May, 18 1/4c.

NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Feb. 1.—Wheat, May, 80 1/4c;
Corn, May, 30 1/4c; oats, May, 22c.

New York, Feb. 1.—Butter, steady, cream-
ery, 12 1/2c; Eggs, steady, 13 1/2c.

FLORIDA QUOTATIONS.

Florida, Feb. 1.—Corn, active, new, No. 2
white, 10 1/2c; oats, steady, No. 2, white, 30 1/2c
20 1/2c; Rye, nominal.

VISIBILE SUPPLY OF GRAIN.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The visible of grain is:
Wheat, 49,501,000; Corn, 21,998,000; Oats, 13,172,
000; Rye, 1,825,000; Barley, 3,454,000.

YOU...

Will yet need Heavy Clothing.
The coldest part of the Winter
season is still to come. You
cannot afford to freeze when
you can buy clothing at such
remarkably low prices as we
sell them.

Our prices are as low as the
Lowest. We do not ask you to
take our assertion for this. Look
elsewhere first, come to us, and
then let your judgment solve
the question.

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Goods to Suit
The Most Fastidious.

We carry a stock second to none in the State, as most of our Decatur friends are aware, especially those who have visited our store and been shown through the immense stock of Table "Luxuries and Delicacies" from almost every clime. We are emboldened by the patronage of the past week to keep in stock goods of a grade to be able to say "NONE BETTER." We take great pleasure in putting this high grade of goods before you, feeling you appreciate our untiring effort to give you the best and the value of your money. Our long experience is a safeguard around your orders left with us, and we do not hesitate to say any orders entrusted to our care, either in person or by telephone, in both Grocery and Meat Departments, will meet with the most careful attention. Upon this basis we invite you to become a customer, you being the judge and jury, rendering your own verdict in accordance with the evidence, we submitting.

"Store Crowding" Prices.

Referring to the popular and successful sale of our dollar (49 lb. sack) flour last week, known as "Beckwith's Cream Patent," we have concluded to continue the sale two more days that those who wish to take advantage of it may have the opportunity. This is our \$1.25 flour reduced to \$1. None better—strictly hard wheat and warranted in every particular.

We also quote you for two days only (unless sooner sold):
1 gal. can Apples.....25c
1 gal. can Apricots.....25c
1 gal. can Peeled Peaches.....30c
Choice June Peas.....05c
Choice (genuine) Sugar Corn 05c
These goods are all marked down 25 per cent. from their real value—30 per cent. below the usual selling prices the country over. Our stock of heavy groceries is up to date and at prices to suit your pocketbooks. We have bargains for you. It is not our fault you pass them by. In fact our store is full of goods and plenty of competent clerks to give you quick service. In short we have one of the best Grocery Houses and Markets in the state for you to trade in, both being models of neatness, and always supplied with what you want.
In our Meat Department we can give you some low prices for Chuck, Soup Bones, Flanks, Etc.

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DECATUR, ILL.

BEST BLANKET IN THE WORLD.

The Beautiful Work of the Navajo—A Loss to the World.

Exactly the most perfect blanket. Neither Ottoman fingers nor British machines have ever produced its peer. The only thing I know of to surpass it is to be found among the astounding prehistoric fabrics we have exhumed in the mummy mines of Peru, but they are not blankets. And this matchless weaving is the handiwork, not of some old-world craftsman, nor of a trained heir of civilization, but of a wild nomad, a dirty, foxy, barbarous denizen of a corner of the "Great American Desert."

The Navajo Indian of New Mexico and Arizona cannot vie with the modern Turk in rugs, nor with the extinct Yucca in fringes, but when it comes to blankets he can beat the world. Or rather, he could—for it is nearly a generation since a Navajo blanket of strictly the first class has been created. Here is a loss to the world—not because the Navajos no longer know how, but because they will no longer take the trouble. They make thousands of blankets still—thick, coarse, fuzzy things which are the best camping blankets to be had anywhere, and most comfortable robes. But of the superb old ponchos and sarapes for chiefs—those iron fabrics woven from yucca (a Turkish cloth imported specially for them and sold at six dollars a pound, unraveled by them, and its thread reincarnate in an infinitely better new body), not one has been woven in 20 years. It is a loss to the world; but the collector who began in time can hardly be philanthropist enough to lament the deterioration which has made it impossible that even the richest rivals shall ever be able to match his treasures.

There are still Navajos (20,000 of them) and there is still yucca; and as there are people who would give \$500 for an absolutely first-class yucca blanket, you might fancy that the three things would pool. But that is to forget the Navajo. He is a barbarian, to whom enough is an elegant sufficiency. By weaving the cheap and wretched blankets of to-day—wretched, that is, as works of art—he can get all the money he desires. Why, then, toll a twelvemonth over a blanket for \$500 (which is more than he can imagine anyhow) when a week's work will bring five dollars?

The art of the Navajo blanket is as old as Plymouth rock—and almost as bigoted. You can tell a genuine just as far as you can see it. It is a curious fact, known to the student, that when left to himself the Indian never blunders in color. It is only when too long rubbed with our shoddy civilization and poisoned with the ease and cheapness of our accursed aniline dyes that he perpetrates atrocities. His eye for color is elemental and absolutely correct. Red is king—and no bastard magenta, mauve or lake, but true red. Blue is good, because it stands for the sky; and green, because it is the grass; and yellow for the sun, and white for the clouds and snow—and these are the only colors found in a strictly perfect Navajo blanket. To the Indian color is a part of religion, and purples and pinks and other devil's colors he never can use until he is fully corrupted. The blanket of to-day is the most graphic witness to the falling-off of the aborigine that ever came into court. It is full of hues that any decent Indian knows to be literally infamous. A generation ago a Navajo would have been put to death by his people if simply found in possession of one of those witch colors. But the true old blanket was as perfect in its color scheme as in its weaving—and I have blankets which have for 75 years done duty on an adobe floor.

Of course at all times these gems were comparatively few. Not every Navajo was a master, and not so many could afford a blanket whose thread cost six dollars a pound as could "stand" the natural wool at thirty cents. But what has done most to make the old-time perfect blanket scarce is the fact that it was almost invariably buried with its owner. In the Christian graveyards of the Pueblos, in the barbaric lonely last-cuddling places of Navajo captives, the vast majority of the perfect blankets has gone to the worms. I myself have seen ponchos not three collections in the world could match to-day swathed about the corpse and covered with six feet of earth; and you can fancy if that would make a collector gnash his teeth.—Land of Sunshine.

A Football Miracle.

The demand for really good referees, with a thorough knowledge of football, was mainly responsible for the formation of the Society of Referees. This society undertakes the examination of candidates for the position of referee; and on one occasion the examiner was questioning a young man from one of the colliery districts. The candidate displayed a fair knowledge of the rules of the game, and the examiner was evidently satisfied with his replies. Prior to dismissing him the examiner submitted to him the following poser: "Supposing you were a referee and from a place kick at goal the ball fell on the crossbar and remained there, what would you call that?" The young man scratched his head musingly. "Call it!" he exclaimed at length. "Well, I should call it a blooming miracle!"—Scottish Nights.

A Bee's Weight.

Careful weighing shows that an ordinary bee, not loaded, weighs the five-thousandth part of a pound, so that it takes 5,000 bees to make a pound. But the loaded bee, when he comes in fresh from the fields and flowers, loaded with honey or bee-bread, weighs nearly three times more.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Speed of the Camel.

The speed of the camel when on a journey of considerable length rarely exceeds three miles an hour and the swiftest dromedaries are rarely known to go faster than a ten-mile gait, but this can be kept up for 20 hours in the day and for six or seven days at a time.—Answers.



TO THE SOUTH.

HOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular "CUCURSONS" for sale on Feb. 2, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level, prime, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one else and can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business; have land to exchange for stocks of goods, goods to exchange for lands. In fact can fit you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circulars on the country across the bayou from Houston. Write us or call and see us in MUMFORD bank building, Decatur, Ill. HOLEN & LANNING.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Eugene Pratt of Chicago, who was in the city visiting his brother, F. M. Pratt, returned home yesterday.

A. U. G. Reeser of St. Louis, visited in the city Sunday.

State's Attorney Mills is slowly recovering from the injuries received by a fall at his home.

Miss Minnie Hanesher after a visit with relatives in this city, left today for her home in Morristown, Pa.

General George A. Marden, ex-state treasurer of Massachusetts, is in the city visiting K. Harwood and family.

Leo Heibrun left for Battle Creek, Mich., Saturday night to visit his uncle, B. Stine, who is at that place for the benefit of his health.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA—Regular meeting of Olive Branch No. 218 R. N. of A., this (Monday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the new R. of P. Hall, corner of Third and Main streets, invited to meet with us. All members are urged to be present. Business of importance. Mrs. MARTIE DUNBAR, Oracle. MARY W. SEIGLIAR, Rec.

Did You Ever try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. 50c and \$1.00 at West's drug store.

Hon. Thomas Cooper, who has been spending the winter in Mexico, is expected to be home at Pekin in about two weeks.

Hucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

The ice cutters at Peoria have run down a wire upon the ice and are cutting by an electric light, the first time, it is believed, that ice has been so harvested.

Dr. L. Kittinger, a leading physician of Wilmington, Del., asked the proprietor of Brazilian Balm to send him a dollar bottle. A few weeks afterwards the doctor said: "I had a couple of cases of old Cough on hand that completely baffled me. I had got to the end of my string. But the Balm made a prompt cure in both cases. It is a remarkable remedy."

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists

Irwin Kopko, a 17-year-old boy, has been sent to jail in Kankakee for throwing a stone through a railroad car.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

True grippe is a germ disease. These germs are in the circulation and pervade every tissue and organ of the body. This brings speedy collapse and often death to the aged and debilitated. The only germicide known that searches out and destroys every grippe germ in the system is Brazilian Balm. A week or ten days' treatment effects a complete cure.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists

The building for the incurable insane at Peoria is completed ready for the furniture. It will accommodate 300 patients.

Rev. E. C. Towne of Chicago, has accepted the pastorate of the Universalist church at Urbana, and will begin his duties soon. He is a graduate of Yale and a well informed and useful man.

Judge Grosscup, of the federal court, Chicago, appointed General John McNiel an arbitrator for the court in the dispute of the city of Peoria and the Peoria Water company.

The Union Can company at Hoopston has made a contract to manufacture the Sprague corn cutter, a machine to cut the green corn from the cob. They will erect a large plant for the purpose.

Momence is to have a telephone plant established as soon as the weather will allow of its construction.

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20 PIECES of Novelty Figured Dress Goods worth 25 to 35c.....	Out at 19c yard
25 PIECES of All Linen Crash Toweling worth 8 1/2c.....	Out at 5c yard
10 PIECES Pure Linen Cream Table Damask worth 50, 60 and 65c.....	Out at 38c yard
25 PAIRS of Heavy Grey Fleece Blankets, sold at \$1.00 pair.....	Out at 69c pair
87 HEAVY Bed Comforts, Sold at \$1.00.....	Out at 69c each
5 DOZEN Ladies' Ribbed Wool Vests, have sole at 75c.....	Out at 35c each
23 MEN'S Woolen Overshirts, worth \$1.50 to \$2.00.....	Out at 75c each
15 PAIRS Ladies' Beaver Cloth Overgaiters, worth 50 to 75c.....	Out at 25c
25 LADIES' Figured Mohair Dress Skirts, worth \$3.00.....	Out at \$1.98 ea.
200 LADIES' Best Calico Wrappers.....	98c each
Jackets and Capes, the \$7.50, \$8.50, and \$10 kind.....	Out at \$5.00

Fur Capes Made Over into the Late Cape Collars.

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WE ARE NOT ASLEEP!

Cheap Goods are the order of the day, and just now we are offering some

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50 Reams Hurd's Fine Stationery at 10c per Quire, Envelopes to Match, 10c Package.

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24 Sheets Paper and 24 Envelopes for..... 5 cents

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Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault. Residence 202 West William street. Residence Telephone 124. Office, 124.

"The Last Piece"

hung,—and the day but just begun!"

All women who have no time and strength to waste, who want snowy clothes and soft hands should use the famous

SANTA CLAUS SOAP

The best and purest soap. Made for laundry, and general house use. Sold everywhere.

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ASSIGNEE'S SALE....

—OF—
Smith & Calkin's Stock
Up to Date
Furnishings
and Hats.

This is the Finest and Cleanest stock of HABERDASHERY ever in the City of Decatur, and prices from now will be cut to less than you pay for inferior goods.

Don't fail to Call at the Haberdashery Store,

211 North Water Street.

W. H. ELWOOD, Assignee.

BULL'S Cough Syrup

Is a remedy of sterling value. It positively cures all Bronchial Affections, Cough, Cold, Croup, Bronchitis and Grippe. You can always rely on it. DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is indispensable to every family. Price 25 cts. Shun all substitutes.

AROUND HOME.

Gilt picture frames may be freshened and brightened by washing them with a soft brush with the following mixture: Put enough flowers of sulphur into a pint of water to give it a yellow tinge, add two onions cut into pieces, and let them boil. Strain into a dish, and when the liquid becomes cold it is ready for use.

Handsome punch bowls are being utilized for flowers to ornament the center of large circular dinner tables. Frames are made of a net work of silver wire, fitting over the top of the bowl and holding the flowers in place. A single wire is fastened to opposite sides to form a handle. Broad ribbon of the color of the flowers is put under the bowl and brought up so as to cover the wire handle, and is finished at the top with a large bow.

Grilled almonds make a delicious bonbon, and may be readily made at home. Blanch a cupful of almonds and dry them thoroughly. Boil one cup of granulated sugar with a quarter of a cup of water until it "hairs," then throw in the blanched almonds. Let them cook in this sirup, stirring them occasionally, until they become a delicate golden brown before the sugar clumps. As soon as the sugar commences to take on a color quickly take the pan from the fire and stir the almonds rapidly until the sirup has turned back to sugar and clings irregularly to the nuts.

It is said that by giving plaster figures a bath in a certain way they may be made to look like marble. The bath is made by putting two generous quart of water into an agate kettle with one ounce of pure card soap and one ounce of white beeswax cut into small pieces; let this dissolve over a slow fire, and when all the ingredients are thoroughly mixed, tie the figure in a cloth and dip it into the liquid; take the figure out and hold it in the air for five minutes, and then again dip it into the liquid; let the figure dry for a few days, and then rub it with a soft flannel; a brilliant gloss will be produced.

ALL SORTS.

Hardy stuff that is wanted for forcing must first receive a good frost before being brought into the cool house.

United States Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright estimates that at the present time there are 2,000,000 unemployed males in this country above the age of ten years.

During the last 25 years the import of wheat into Great Britain has increased by 152 per cent., while the quantity of home-grown wheat has diminished by 45 per cent.

W. S. Smith, a well-known business man and hotel proprietor of Marysville, O., has died as the result of swallowing a set of false teeth August 30, 1893. He was taken with hemorrhages and lost over a gallon of blood.

The high, unsightly heels on ladies' shoes are being abandoned for the more sensible and more comfortable low heel. The demand for low-heeled footwear is increasing every day, according to the reports of shoe dealers.

French and Belgian capitalists are to construct large alkali works near the newly discovered rock salt deposits at Pola, in central Asia. There is good coal at Bardikul, near by. The salt is of very fine quality, with no admixture of other chemicals.

An observing tourist who visits Rome and walks through the streets is doubtless surprised that there are very few houses bearing the ominous number of "13," nearly all the houses that should bear those figures being marked "12b" or "14a." Nor is the superstition regarding the fateful 13 absent from scientific Germany.

SHORT CLIPPINGS.

Tea was first mentioned in Chinese annals 2,700 B. C.

Most of the shoes worn in Japan are made of straw or wood. In the entire country there is but one factory where leather shoes are made.

Algebra, almanac, cipher, zenith, zero, tallman, alcohol, alkali, amber, camphor, cotton, crimson, jar, laudanum, lute, mattress, sugar, amulet, arsenal, magazine and a few other words are from the Arabic.

Women have a better perception of color than men. An eminent authority on color blindness asserts that under a very severe test the color vision of one man in five is defective, while in women the average is one in thirty.

At the seaside or in the country, where the air is clear, 1,500 microbes must be inhaled into the nose every hour, while in London the number often reaches 14,000. The organisms are caught by the nose and passed to the digestive organs, which, when in health, destroy them.

It is a common experience among mountain climbers to find butterflies lying frozen on the snow, and so brittle that they break unless they are very carefully handled. Such frozen butterflies on being taken to a warmer climate recover themselves and fly away. Six species of butterflies have been found within a few hundred miles of the north pole.

HORSE TALK.

You can spoil your horse's temper by losing your own.

Never be content with attempting to produce moderate or inferior animals. If a man of wealth wants a horse he will pay a long price to secure what suits him.

If a horse is out of condition there is a cause; find it. Has he been fed irregularly or improperly, or are his teeth sharp or uneven?

It will pay some one to make a specialty of raising and educating family horses—horses that are brainy, level-headed and handsome.

A veterinary surgeon of wide experience told me a few days ago that as good a price could be realized to-day for a strictly first-class horse as ever.

CHURCH NOTES.

Glasgow boasts of 10,766 Sunday school teachers and 115,731 scholars. The only cathedrals now in use in Scotland are in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dunkeld.

There are 22 allusions in the Bible to the east wind, 19 of them being of a disparaging character.

Victoria Methodists have voted, 15,000 to 2,500, for the amalgamation of all the Australian Methodists into one body.

Like the Salvation Army, the Church Army which Episcopalians are organizing in this country is an English institution.

Ralph E. Prime, of Yonkers, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian synod of New York at its late convention. This is the layman elected moderator by that synod.

Condensed Testimony.

Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by a gripper, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. P. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mrs. Hemmings, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, always keeps it on hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. At West's drug store.

The Woman's club of Lincoln are waging war upon sellers of cigarettes in that city. They claim that a number of school girls under 16 have contracted the cigarette habit, and they propose to make it warm for the dealers who sold to them.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headache. To avoid such companions take Dr. King's Little Early Remedy, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Rev. E. C. Towns of Chicago, has accepted the pastorate of the Universalist church at Urbana, and will begin his duties soon. He is a graduate of Yale and a well informed and useful man.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The Union Can company at Hoopston has made a contract to manufacture the Sprague corn cutter, a machine to cut the green corn from the cob. They will erect a large plant for the purpose.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by Dr. King's Little Early Remedy, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Judge Grosscup, of the federal court, Chicago, appointed General John McNair arbitrator for the court in the dispute of the city of Peoria and the Peoria Water company.

Lost—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

A company has been organized to build a telephone line connecting Watseka with Gilman and Osgood, and thence to Kankakee, touching all intervening towns.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stings and pains at once. These are the virtues of Dr. King's Little Early Remedy. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

A water pipe supplying the pipe organ in the First Baptist church at Peoria burst and the basement was flooded to the depth of two and a half feet.

About the Eyes.

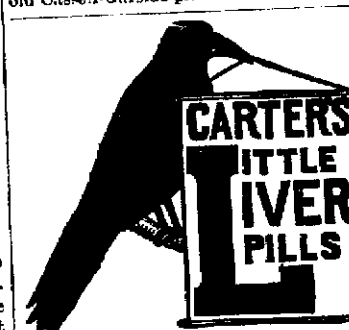
For people with sore eyes, weak, watery eyes, red and inflamed eyes, caused by age, catarrh or other rise, the Brazilian Balm is a priceless boon. Put 15 or 20 drops of Balm into a spoonful of warm water and bathe the eyes well night and morning, getting some of the solution into the eyes. The relief and benefit is worth a hundred times the cost.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists

A gray eagle, seven feet across the wings, was shot on a farm in Iroquois county last week.

Momence is to have a telephone plant established as soon as the weather will allow of its construction.

The Peoria Veneered Door company will probably establish a factory in the old Cassell-Gurside plant in Peoria.



Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

WE ARE DOING THE BUSINESS.

Well I should say we would do the business the way we have marked our goods. All our winter goods must go and we knew the prices would tell and that is the reason we are doing the BUSINESS; and we mean to keep on doing the business. Remember we carry the largest stock in Decatur to pick from from, and we carry the best style and fitting clothing in Decatur and at the lowest prices. No wonder we are doing the BUSINESS. Call before the bargains are gone.

CHEAP CHARLEY,

...The Reliable Clothier...

- People's
- Savings
- Loan
- Association

Shares in the 37th Series can now be obtained at the Office of the Association.

Upon which the monthly payments are as follows:
IN CLASS "A" 50c per share, per month, for about 120 months.
IN CLASS "C" \$1.00 per share, per month, for about 72 months.
IN CLASS "E" \$2.00 per share, per month, for about 42 months.

DEWITT C. SHOCKLEY,
PRESIDENT.
ALBERT BARNES,
SECRETARY.

OFFICE:
140 S. Water St., Opera House Bldg.,
DECATUR, ILL.

...LEONARD STORE NOW OPEN...

All Goods at Fire Sale Prices.

COME AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. The fire loss December 28 has been adjusted and all new and slight damaged goods—as good as new—will go at astonishingly low figures. Come early. Dry Goods, Groceries—everything, in THE GREAT BARGAIN SALE.

LEONARD'S Department Store, North Water St.
NEW TELEPHONE, 248.

J. B. Bullard,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR.
SYNDICATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.

Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a residence 302 West William street. Residence Telephone 126. Office, 126.

OXYGEN AS A HEALING POWER.

Several Valuable Experiments Performed in Recent Years.

During the Zulu war Dr. George Stoker, who served during the campaign as an army surgeon, had an opportunity of observing the method in which the natives treated their wounded comrades. He noticed that they carried them to the highest point attainable, and there exposed the wounds to the purest air and the action of pure water. This simple remedy was swift and sure, the worst cases yielding rapidly under its influence, doubtless the healthy state of the blood and the asthmatic lives led by the natives having a good deal to do with the matter. Dr. Stoker was led to believe that the oxygen cure might be applied to ulcers, burns and wounds of a similar nature, and on his return to this country he made several experiments on such cases, and the more he saw of it the firmer was his belief in its discovery. Bacteria consist of two kinds, the harmful micro-organisms and those necessary to the system, in order that the mechanism of the body may be carried on satisfactorily. Before the discovery of antiseptic surgery the risk which was run whenever a raw surface was exposed to the air was enormous, but with the introduction of antiseptics into the treatment the danger was reduced to a minimum. Tetaniform has always been the special medium for use in the case of ulcers, and it is not a pleasant one, but it tended to hold the bacteria at bay. Now, however, it has been noticed that in cases where oxygen has been applied and where the wound is healing the progress was marked by the presence of common organisms, and that, if a relapse occurred, the bacteria disappeared, so that one is led to the conclusion that a certain number of these living organisms are necessary in the formation of new and healthy flesh.

In the spring of this year it was decided to enter upon a wider field of operations, and test this experiment further, for it must be borne in mind that as yet it is only an experiment, and accordingly a committee of ladies and gentlemen, under the presidency of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, undertook to establish a hospital at No. 35 St. George's square, S. W. The hospital is small, but if funds were forthcoming a larger house could be secured. The oxygen used is said to be first generated in an iron tunnel, and thence it is pumped into india rubber bags, according to the strength required; the patient affected is then inclosed in a wooden box, with a glass lid, and closed round with oilskin; a tube communicates with the box and the bag, and in this way the oxygen is introduced into the box. Other apparatus are contrived for the back, head and other parts of the body. The first effect is the cessation of pain, and the healing properties are quickly discerned. One case of an ulcer of 40 years' standing had yielded to the treatment in three weeks, another of 18 years in an equally short time, and many others had a similar tale to tell. Not one of the least of the virtues of the oxygen is its deodorizing power. It has also been tried on cases of baldness with the result that the hair grew rapidly and in a short time was in a normal condition. To what length the curative properties of oxygen may be carried remains to be proved, but it has at least one advantage, that of extreme economy, for, beyond the cost of the oxygen, which, it is said, costs about 2½d. for 24 hours, there is no expense for dressings or medicines. British Sanitary Record.

GREAT SALT LAKE BOOMS!

Yields Sulphate of Soda, Used in Manufacturing Glass.

Recent investigations have disclosed that in the Great Salt Lake is contained the foundation for another industry and that from it is to be obtained pure quality of sulphate of soda. Analyzing the crude salt of the lake traces of sulphate of soda, sulphate of lime and calcium chloride are found and it has long been the custom for few enterprising men to go to the lake in winter time and gather from shores and bars what has been known to them as winter salt. In fact, the presence of large crystals appearing like salt and found only in cold weather has long been known and commented upon. This "winter salt," as it has been called, is really a very pure article of sulphate of soda, commonly called "saler salt," and it has been a subject of much comment in the past that so much of it could be found in the winter (as a result of its crystallization) degrees (temperature or lower), which very small evidence of its presence can be obtained from an analysis of water of the lake or its salt. This, ever, is now fully cleared up.

A few weeks ago the salt commission necessary to extend, by a flume, their pumping plant at the lake, owing to the lowering of the water and the manager, in prosecuting work, struck, at a depth of six feet below the old lake bed, this solid point. He brought samples to the surface and it was found to be pure sulphate of soda mixed with silica, which is separated without trouble. Sulphate of soda is used largely by the glass and glass works of the country, giving a particular luster to plate that can be obtained in no other way.

While large quantities of carbonates are used in the United States, quantities are imported from Europe. Artificial carbonate is made from sodium chloride, or common salt, and first chemical change is from sodium chloride to sodium sulphate. The fact that is found in Salt Lake is a vast quantity of sodium sulphate, and it is believed a cheap and pure sodium sulphate can be produced from the lake for \$1.50 per ton.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Andrew Lang's hobby is fishing in the humaneness of his heart, carefully throwing back into the water every fish he catches.

ROGERS BROS.' Knives, Forks and Spoons.

None Genuine Without "1847"
Stamped Upon Them.

These "1847 Rogers Bros." make is the old original brand of Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons, and cost more in the market than any Rogers make. PLEASE DO NOT CONFUSE IT WITH Wm. Rogers, Rogers & Brother or any other Rogers, without the "1847 Rogers Bros." trade mark stamped upon them. There are twenty imitations, all of which use the word "Rogers" in some shape, but none but the genuine dare use "1847 Rogers Bros."

You should get our prices on

Solid Silver Spoons.

We are showing a very fine line at
VERY LOW PRICES.

We claim to be Headquarters on

Diamonds, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.

OUR SECOND FLOOR CHINA DEPARTMENT

Is second to none in the State, and we are showing Dinner Ware and Toilet Ware in a very large variety of patterns, and at prices equal to corn at 15 cents a bushel.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

We're After Money!

So hard that any little consideration as to the actual value of the goods must not stand in our way. For instance there is our fine line of HANAN & SONS' Men's Fine Shoes in Enamel and Patent Leathers, never sold for less than \$6.00 before. Now come around and get one pair or as many pairs as you want at only \$5.00 per pair.

Prices Are Knocked Silly,

And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for \$3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to \$2.25. Ladies' hand-turned vici kid shoes, regular \$4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only \$2.65 per pair. Ladies' \$2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only \$1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

Now Is the Accepted Time!

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is all the more reason why you should save money in your purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry up while you can be sure you will be fitted. Come and save yourself rich.

F. H. Cole Shoe Co.

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

HEADACHE CURED

FOR 10 CENTS

KING'S DRUG STORE,

By using Dr. Hamilton's
Headache Tablets.

Cor. Main and Water Sts.,
Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

LOCAL NEWS.

Deaz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Burke's White Pine Balsam, coughs, colds
You pay a little more for Sleeth's port-
raits but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made
by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent,
made by John Weigand. Mch 25 st.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the
city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made,
Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture
For sale by the Cerrodanie Co., 21 Syn-
dicate block. Jan 16-dim

The customary assembly hall will be
given at Guards' Armory tonight. It will
be directed by Miss Leonard.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds
of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman
fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed
in bulk. No. 223 North Main street.
Durtie & Culp.—1-dawt

Saturday evening at Springfield a notice
was posted in the Wabash shops that
commencing Feb. 1 the working hours
would be reduced from eight to five hours
and the working days per week from six
to five days. The out affects 550 men.

To get rid of shoes quickly we apply
the only true and tried remedy—sawdust
all our surplus shoes. Compare our bar-
gain list with the very best that others
offer and you will be convinced that none
sell as cheap as Powers'. Youth's first
quality rubbers, 30 cents; men's self set-
ting rubbers, 25 cents; gentlemen's dress
\$5 and 60 grades at \$2.95.—1-d-wk1w

The poverty social which was to have
been given next Thursday evening by the
Endeavor Society of the Church street
Christian church has been postponed un-
til some future time. However, on Thurs-
day night a social will be given under the
auspices of the society to which all are in-
vited. Refreshments will be served dur-
ing the evening. Encourage the society
by your presence.

The Cold Weather.
Prof. Counsell, the government
weather observer, reports the state of
the temperature officially from January
24 to January 30 as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Sunday...	18 above.	5 below.
Monday...	2	13
Tuesday...	5	10
Wednesday...	4	3
Thursday...	19	7
Friday...	20	1
Saturday...	27	2

The corresponding week of January,
1896, was like the week of this one of
cold weather. There was considerable
rain and the walks were wet and sloppy.
The lowest temperature that week was
15 degrees above zero.

During the month of January, up to
Saturday night at 7 o'clock, there was a
total snow fall of 8.01 inches, and a
total rain fall of 3.83 inches. In the
matter of precipitation the month was
ahead of the average. There were 12
clear days, 14 cloudy, and 4 partly
cloudy.

For the above price we will sell the
finest shoes for gentlemen to be found in
Decatur. See them in our window. Fol-
rath & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot fit-
ters. Signs of the old cobbler.—26-d-wtf

HALF PRICE ON PLASTERS.

West's Drug Store.
Alcock's Plasters.....2 for 25c
Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25c
Strengthening Plasters.....2 for 25c

Garden Seeds.
Just received a large stock of all kinds
of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden
seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—
Jan 29-d-wtf



LIBRARY WILL MOVE.

The Board Decided This Morning
to Change the Quarters to
the Powers Block.

THE VOTE WAS FIVE TO FOUR.

The New Rooms Will be Handsomely
Fitted and Decorated—The Change
Will be Made About the First
of Next June.

The public library of the city is to be
moved from the present quarters in the
library block to the fifth floor of the new
Powers building at the corner of Water
and Main streets. The members of the
library board held a meeting this morn-
ing and finally decided the matter by ac-
cepting the generous offer which was
made by Orlando Powers. The question
has been under consideration for several
weeks and the members of the library
board have given it due consideration and
believe that they have done what was to
the best interests of the library. Al-
though there was a difference in opinion
among the members of the board the de-
cision was reached after a perfectly har-
monious discussion. The vote stood five
to four in favor of moving, all nine of the
members being present and voting. The
board is composed of the following per-
sons: Dr. William A. Barnes, president;
W. J. Wayne, W. J. Quinlan, W. T. Wells,
Mrs. Mary A. Barnes, Judge E. P. Vail,
Nettie B. Lindsey, Mrs. B. O. McReynolds,
and R. B. Montgomery. As the question
was decided by ballot it is not known
which members were in favor of moving
and which in favor of staying in the present
quarters.

The proposition made by Orlando Pow-
ers was a most generous one. He propos-
ed to rent his room for \$450 per year, the
same price which is now paid for the pre-
sent quarters. But as the library has a
lease which will not expire until two
years from next July Mr. Powers offered
to give two years next in the new place
free of charge so that nothing would be
lost by making the change.

The proposition made by Mr. Pow-
ers which brought the question of moving
before the board was as follows:

"I will rent space in my new building
at the corner of Water and Main streets,
for a term of five years, with two years
rent free, for the use of the public library,
at the following prices:

"All or any portion of 6500 square feet
of the outside space, on fifth floor at seven
cents per square foot.

"All or any portion of 5500 square feet,
inside space, around light court, on fourth
floor, at five cents per square foot.

"Also other space can be procured in
the building at different prices which can
be shown in connection with the above.

"I feel certain that the construction of
partitions, divisions of space and all mat-
ters of detail, can be agreed upon satisfac-
torily. Renting any space in the building
by the board will include free the neces-
sary heat, water and elevator service.
The building will possess modern equip-
ments and conveniences."

After the above proposition had been
received by the library board Mr. Powers
submitted another in which he explained
that the board could have any quantity of
space at first and more later if desired. He
also offered to fire proof the columns, de-
corate the walls in any style selected, put
wire screens in the windows where de-
sired, and build extra toilet rooms.

The matter was referred to the build-
ing committee of the board and an inves-
tigation was made. There was some ob-
jection that the room being on the fifth
floor of the building would not be strong
enough but Contractor McNabb wrote a
letter in which he explained that the
building was as strong as could possibly
be made.

The question arose in the minds of
some whether or not it would be wise to
make the change on account of the future
of the library. In answer to this Mr.
Powers sent the following letter to the
board:

"As a question has arisen with regard
to the future of the public library in the
event of the erection of a public library
building, I submit this further addition
to my former proposition: That your
board may have the privilege after the
expiration of five years, at the same
terms, with the privilege of cancelling
this second term lease after one year's no-
tice."

Mr. Powers has made several additional
offers. He agrees to put inside blinds at
the windows in place of the shades if they
are desired. He also agrees to pay the ex-
penses of moving the library to the new
quarters.

The letters and propositions given about
show how generous Mr. Powers was in
his offer to the library. In short he
offered to give the rooms at as cheap a
rent as could be expected and agrees to do
anything and everything that the library
can desire.

Upon the part of those who were not in
favor of having the library moved a re-
quest was made that they should be rep-
resented before the board by Attorney W.
C. Outten. This morning Mr. Outten was

allowed to make a statement to the mem-
bers. It was decided that since those not
in favor of moving had been allowed a
voice that the same courtesy should be ex-
tended to Mr. Powers. The latter, how-
ever, did not care to make any further
statements and said that he was willing
to leave the matter entirely with the mem-
bers of the board. All the points in favor
of each location, which had been discussed
many times before, were again brought
up and each member of the board was
given the privilege of expressing his or
her individual opinion. Judge Vail then
made a motion to move the library to the
Powers building and a ballot was taken
and the motion carried by a vote of 5
to 4.

One member of the board who has been
identified with the library ever since its
organization in speaking of the matter of
moving said that as a member of the
board he has acted as he thought was for
the best interests of the institution. He
said: "If the location of the library is a
help to any merchants that is simply a
chance benefit which they are fortunate
enough to receive. I do not take into
consideration the business effect but the
library has been moved simply because
the new place is undoubtedly the best
place for it. The new room will be an
elegant one. It is well lighted, heated
and ventilated and is fitted with all mod-
ern conveniences. In fact the library
will be as handsomely situated as most
any in this part of the state and the place
will be sufficiently large to answer the
purpose for a number of years. The own-
ers of the library block also made gener-
ous offers but the change was made be-
cause the new place is far superior to the
old building."

The New Rooms.
The rooms which will soon be the quar-
ters of the library is the best fitted place
of the kind in the city. The room is 152
feet long, from north to south. It is 38
feet wide at the south end and 60 feet
wide at the north end. There are thirty
windows in the room, along the north
and west side, and also on the east side
facing on a court. The library will have
about 6500 square feet of space. Two
elevators will land the passengers at the
door at the south end of the room. No
definite arrangements as to plans have yet
been made, but it is probable the south
part of the space will be used for the main
library rooms where the books are circu-
lated among the patrons. There will be a
reading room 54x30 feet at the north end
where the periodicals will be kept and an-
other room will be made for the reference
library. There will also be private toilet
rooms, private offices for the librarian
and her assistants and rooms for storing
and unpacking books. In short the
library will have every convenience. As
soon as the board decides upon a plan the
work of arranging the rooms will begin.
The walls are to be handsomely decorated
and the place will be lighted with electri-
city. It is likely that some new furniture
and fittings will be purchased. The
library will be moved to the new quarters
about June first.

Has Moved Several Times.
The public library in its time has had
many moves. It was first organized as
the Decatur Ladies' Library association,
but on August 3, 1875, the institution
was made a public library under the state
laws. There was a hard fight in the city
council at the time and the movement was
carried by one vote. The library was first
on the second floor of a building on Mer-
chant street. It was then taken to the
M. Schroeder building over the Wag-
goner shoe store. Then it was moved to
the Linn & Scruggs' building where it
stayed for a number of years. The library
was then moved to the library building
and when that structure was destroyed
by fire many of the books were lost. The
library opened quarters in the old Presby-
terian church, now Abbott's hall, and re-
turned to the library block after it was
rebuilt. Robert L. Evans was the first
librarian. He held the position until the
time of his death, Nov. 17, 1891, and his
wife, Mrs. Alice G. Evans, the present
librarian, who has managed the institu-
tion so successfully, was appointed to suc-
ceed him. Mrs. Evans will now move the
library for the fifth time in her experience
as librarian, but this time the change is
for the best and the quarters will be the
handsomest that the library ever before
occupied. The action of the board settles
the question of location for some years to
come.

The Millikin Home.
The members of the board of directors
of the Anna B. Millikin home will hold a
meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock
at the home of Mrs. W. F. Bushor, West
Decatur street. All members are request-
ed to be present.

Princes and a Killin'.
SELAH! BOOM!
Wednesday night,
Feb. 3, the illustrious
Princes of the Orient
will have a big killin'
at the splendid new
temple in Powers' block, and every pil-
grim who knocks at
the door with pure interest will be cor-
dially received and given a trip over the
hot sands to sacred place of honor and
repose. The new password has been
promulgated. Veterans should appear
and get it before it is forever too late.
New work will be introduced. Twenty
or more pilgrims will be gathered into
the fold.

To Stop a Cold in 20 Minutes.
Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed
or money refunded by all druggists, 30c.

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NEARLY A CENTURY.

Mrs. Amelia Todd Died This Morn-
ing at the Advanced Age
of 97 Years.

AN OLD RESIDENT OF ILLINOIS.

Deceased Has Lived in Decatur for the
Past Twenty Years—She Has Been
an Inmate of the Millikin
Home for Six Years.

Mrs. Amelia Todd, one of the oldest
residents of this county, died this morn-
ing at the Anna B. Millikin home, aged
nearly 97 years. She was one of the old-
est, if not the oldest resident of Macon
county, and had lived in this state for
many years. She has been an inmate of
the Millikin home for the past six years
and is known to everyone as Grandma
Todd. She was a remarkably well preserv-
ed woman and has always been in good
health for one of her advanced age. Dur-
ing the past few weeks her health failed
and she gradually died of old age.

The deceased was born in Clerve, Ohio,
in 1801. She came to this state in the
early forties and lived near St. Louis.
She was the wife of Randolph Smith and
had three daughters and one son, all of
whom are now dead. She was later mar-
ried to Judge Sidney Todd, who died
about twenty years ago. She has sur-
vived both husbands and all her children
and her only living relative known is a
grandchild. Dr. E. W. Moore of this city,
knew Mrs. Todd fifty years ago and he
speaks highly of her. She was a person
who was at one time in good circum-
stances but in the later years of her life
she was without a home and about six
years ago she was admitted to the Milli-
kin home where she was well cared for up
to the time of her death.

Mrs. Todd was in perfect mental health
but she had many peculiarities which
came with old age. She liked to be no-
ticed by the visitors at the home and al-
ways felt hurt if they did not call upon
her. One of her hobbies was to have
birthday parties and these she held sev-
eral times a year. While everything was
done to make the old lady comfortable she
realized that she outlived her time and her
prayer very night was that she might die
before the next morning.

The funeral will be held from the Mil-
likin home tomorrow afternoon at 2
o'clock. Rev. D. F. Howe will officiate.
The remains will be buried at Greenwood
in a temporary place. Later the Millikin
home is to have a burying lot in the cem-
etery for the old ladies and the body will
then be changed.

Hutchins to Move His Shoe Store.

About March 1 we will move to 139
North Water street (first door north of
Races). That will give us February yet
in our present quarters. We have in-
vited. We did not see what we have.
We have \$50,000 worth of the best shoes
ever brought to Decatur. We won't move
all of them, in fact, can't move many, for
we have bought enough new goods to
stock up our new place. But we will
move them in the easiest way possible,
and that is to let you put the price you
want to pay on them and move them for
us. So get a move on yourself and help
us move by securing the best shoe bar-
gains any store ever gave. Remember,
it's a February sale and will give us a
lively month. Walter Hutchins,
1-3331st 355 North Water street.

Sold Another Place.

George W. Ehrhart, the real estate and
loan broker, sold for Mrs. Sarah R. Bliss,
Saturday, her house and lot, No. 952
North Water street, to Mrs. Anna Ham-
mer for \$2400.

Died.

At the home of the parents, the infant
son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Wheeler at 8 a.
m., Feb. 1, aged five weeks. The service
will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow. Burial
at the Dunkard cemetery.

Around the World.
The Canadian Pacific Special conduct
excursion "around the world"
about May 1. Tickets, \$550. For particu-
lars and particulars call at Washington
office.—38-d1w

The grain elevator at Ogden was tor-
ried Tuesday with several thousand bushels
of grain and a Big Four box car.

Assaulted by a Burglar.
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 2.—Florence M.
Owens, the pretty 15-year-old daughter
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A. W. Linderstorm in a Fit of Anger
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mits Suicide.

BREAD RIOTS BREAK OUT IN SPAIN

Countess Cowley Divorced—Reign of
Terror in Constantinople—Grace
Clark Killed by a Lover
Who Suicides.

Moscow, Idaho, Feb. 2.—The Moscow
National bank was closed by order of the
comptroller of the currency today. The
report December 17 showed cash on hand
of \$23,604. Loans and discounts \$122,
359; deposits, \$104,477.

Killed His Boy and Himself.
Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 2.—A. W. Linder-
storm, a farmer, came home last night
and in a fit of anger blew out the brains
of his five-year old son and then killed
himself.

Judge McKenna May be Sect of Interior.
Washington, Feb. 2.—It is understood
here that the position for which Judge
McKenna, of California, was slated is at-
torney general but possibly it may be nec-
essary to name him for secretary of the
interior.

Bread Riots in Spain.
Madrid Feb. 2.—A serious strike and
bread riots have occurred here. Many ar-
rests have been made. The municipal au-
thorities have resigned owing to their in-
ability to suppress the disturbances and
martial law has been proclaimed.

Reign of Terror in Constantinople.
Marseilles, France, Feb. 2.—Tewfik Pas-
sa, ex-Turkish minister of foreign affairs,
arrived here today. He says a reign of
terror prevails among the entourage of
the sultan. Tewfik is fearful for the fate
of his family whom he was compelled to
leave in Constantinople under the protec-
tion of the foreign embassies.

Grain Area in France.
Paris, Feb. 2.—Official reports show an
area of growing grain which compared
with 1896 shows in two departments an
increase of from one to five per cent. In
nine departments the area is unchanged.
In seventy-four departments one to over
twenty per cent less.

Tug Van Racle Reaches Port.
Chicago, Feb. 2.—The tug Van Racle
which was benched in ice last night
finally reached the dock this morning.
The crew was completely exhausted from
a long struggle with the ice.

Long on Love but Short on Brains.
Apollo, Pa., Feb. 2.—James Shelham-
mer, aged 19, son of a well-to-do farmer,
shot and killed Grace Clark, aged 17, at
tractive and popular, then fatally shot
himself. It is supposed jealousy was the
cause as Shelhammer was a suitor for the
girl's hand but lately he treated him
coldly.

Countess Cowley Divorced.
London, Feb. 2.—The countess, Cow-
ley, was granted a divorce from Earl Cow-
ley on the grounds of desertion and adultery
today.

A SPLENDID DONATION.

The Brewers of St. Louis Give \$20,000
for the Relief of the Poor.

St. Louis, Feb. 2.—Mr. R. M. Scruggs,
president of St. Louis Producers' associa-
tion: "Dear Sir—In response to your call
as brewers of the city of St. Louis heret-
of hand you for the suffering poor of
"r city the sum of \$20,000.

It is evident that the same cause, de-
pression in business, has served to in-
crease legitimate demands for assistance,
and to decrease the amount of voluntary
contributions. This general result, ag-
gravated by very inclement weather, has
served to present to every citizen the pi-
ture of real want and hunger.

No doubt the situation in St. Louis is
more than in some other large cities.
But while a relatively small amount
would meet the emergency, the present sit-
uation is, nevertheless, so grave that as a
matter of common obligation all citizens
should look to its immediate alleviation.
Appreciating your generous purpose and
knowing your facilities for aiding the de-
serving and for discriminating between
them and the undeserving, the brewers
are glad to make the above contribution
and unhesitatingly call on all other in-
dividuals to promptly sustain in a similar
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